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Rescue Squad Eyes New Revenue Source, New Facility Location

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, citing increasing costs incurred from new equipment puchases and the maintenance of its 41-year-old facility, may look to start billing for service. The move would be a departure for the rescue squad, an organization that has long been a free service.

The squad has been exploring the idea for about 18 months, said Chief Greg Paulson. For the patients, it would most likely have little impact, as most already pay for ambulance services through insurance. Patients calling an ambulance in an emergency already receive a bill from the paramedics for that care. Mercer County's paramedic service is provided by Capital Health Systems.

"If you call the ambulance, we come, we take you to the hospital, nothing changes. There's no consideration for your ability to

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A New Chapter for Town Topics

In 1950, Town Topics moved into the front office of a three-story brick building at 4 Mercer Street that had been previously occupied by Priest's Pharmacy. In spite of all the changes the Princeton community has gone through during those 54 years, it seemed that the Town Topics building would remain a constant. However, our landlord, Princeton University, has asked us to leave.

Even though the building tends to be cold in the winter, hot in the summer, and doesn't lend itself to new technology, it has served the paper and the community well. Moving out will be like leaving behind an old friend.

Deciding to buy rather than rent an office, we searched for a central location to accommodate customers walking in to place classified advertisements. Since the printing takes place elsewhere, we didn't need a large facility.

We are pleased to announce that Town Topics has purchased a building located at 305-307 Witherspoon Street. We have hired Hillier Architecture to transform it into an efficient, comfortable, and attractive new home for Town Topics that will be in scale with the neighborhood.

Construction has not yet begun but we anticipate moving sometime next year. We are very much looking forward to being a part of the Witherspoon neighborhood.

The building may be different, but Princeton's weekly community newspaper will remain the same. The dedicated staff at Town Topics will continue working hard to effectively report the news in Princeton and to publish an informative, quality newspaper.

As for the future of 4 Mercer Street, the University is planning to renovate the building and use

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Employees of Princeton Young Achievers Are Arrested for Unauthorized Purchases

Two employees of Princeton Young Achievers, an after-school program for at-risk youths, were arrested and arraigned last week in connection with the purchase of $6,600 in computer equipment and office supplies on an unauthorized credit card account.

Nichelle Hill, 37, of Willingboro, the former executive director of PYA, and Beverly Harrington, 34, of Princeton, her assistant, left their positions prior to last Tuesday's arrests.

Ms. Hill was terminated by the PYA Board in early September, and Ms. Harrington left the organization several months before that, said Dr. Jean Grossman, president of the PYA Board. She would not confirm if Ms. Harrington was

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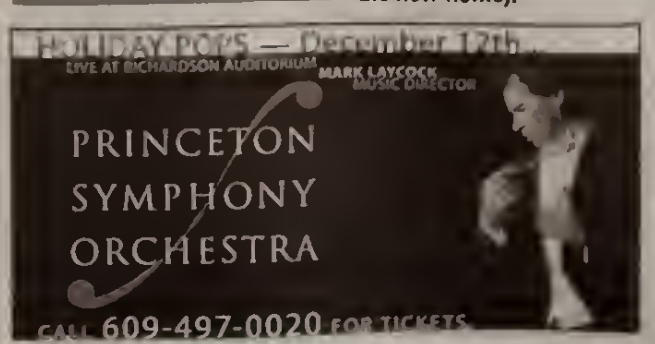
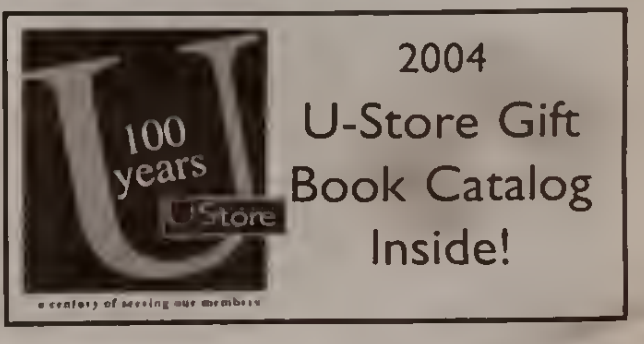
IN THE DAYS BEFORE TOWN TOPICS: The Town Topics building at 4 Mercer Street as it looked when carts and horses, not cars and parking meters, were the order of the day. After 54 years in the building previously occupied by Priest's Pharmacy, Town Topics has found a new home (see page 6 for a rendering of the new home).





READY TO DIG IN: Gefen, Gabriel, and Alexandra Bar-Cohen are armed and ready to harvest during Saturday's "Pig-Out Day" at the Watershed's Organic Farm. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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School Board Looks to Find Funds For JW Softball Fields

Faced with an ongoing lawsuit from parents of female athletes at Princeton High School, the Princeton Regional School Board was set to vote on a resolution last night that would move the district closer to examining the possibility of adding new softball fields at John Witherspoon Middle School.

The resolution asks the school administration "to consider providing funds within the 2005-06 schoof budget for the development of competition fields, including softball fields" at the middle school. The vote took place after Town Topics press time.

"We're asking that the administration see how much it would cost to create softball fields at John Witherspoon, and to update the current field that exists there," said Board President Anne Burns on Tuesday.

She added that even if the resolution is passed, it will not guarantee that the fields will be built: "I'm pretty much assuming it's going to be a second question," she said, referring to next April's budget vote.

Eric Amkraut, the district's athletic director, and Judith Wilson, the district's new superintendent who will assume her post on February 1, will examine how to work the cost of building two new fields and upgrading the current field at John Witherspoon into next school year's budget, said Ms. Burns.

Ms. Wilson was scheduled to make an appearance at the Board's regular meeting Tuesday night.

Filed by three sets of parents of PHS students, the lawsuit against the district contends that a violation of Title IX exists in Princeton. Title IX makes it illegal for schools to deny educational benefits on the basis of gender.

The lawsuit states that the parents feel that there is an inequality of funding between boys' and girls' softball and ice hockey teams; of equipment and supplies; of scheduled games and practices; and of the use of fields for practice and competition.

Prior to the filing of the lawsuit in October, Jim Mahon, one of the parents involved, wrote a letter of complaint to Interim Superintendent Richard Marasco regarding these same issues. Since the letter and formal complaint, the Board has met several times to examine what options could satisfy the parents' request. The Board originally considered adding two fields at PHS, but decided against it after discovering it would cost approximately $66,000.

If the current resolution is passed and the funds are found to build the fields, they would be constructed after all other construction at the middle school is completed, said Ms. Burns.

Security Measures

In other news, the new security system at the elementary schools was discussed at the Board's facilities meeting on Friday. Set to go into place once all construction is completed, the system would require all faculty members to carry I.D. badges that they would have to swipe on their way into the building. The system was part of the original construction

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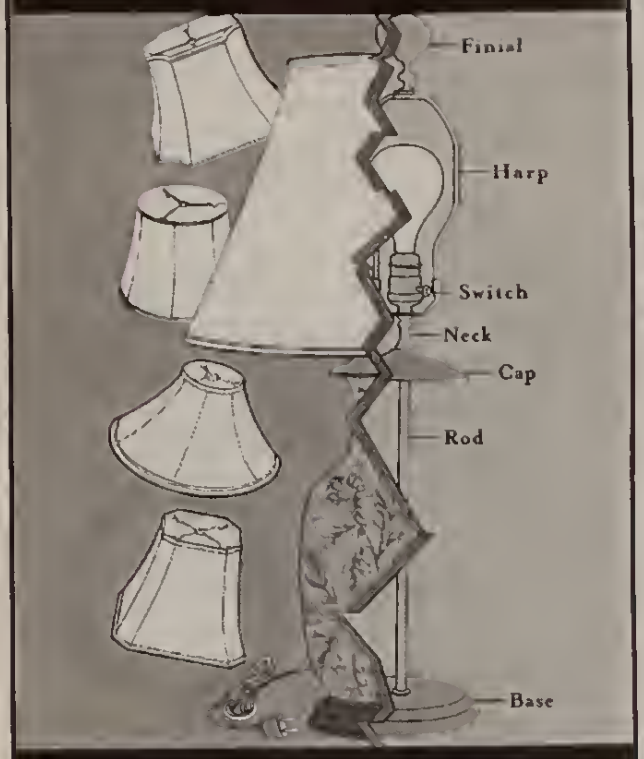

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A 'JOURNEY' WORTH DOCUMENTING: Dr. Jack Washington, Ewing resident and Trenton Central High School history teacher took part in a three-year fellowship to do the research for a comprehensive historical account of Princeton's black community. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Princeton's Black Community Explored Through Princeton University Fellowship

Last week at the Princeton Public Library, at a meeting about developmental possibilities of the Witherspoon Street corridor, Shirley Satterfield told a room packed with Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood residents that the history of the neighborhood is what would, or "should," ultimately design its future.

Likewise, James Floyd Sr., Princeton Township's first black mayor, stood up and said the direction of the neighborhood has never "been in the interest of the progenitors" and said that the time had come for that.

While the common perception tells us the first blacks came to Princeton with southern slaveowners, Princeton's black community dates back to the late 1600s when the Royal African Company, a major force in the slave trade, brought slaves into the colony and sold them to area landowners to cultivate the Princeton region's then-Virginia-like plantations. The community is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, community in Princeton. And while the geographic neighborhood behind Palmer Square, long identified with the black community, has undergone intense scrutiny in years past as to how to keep it in concert with developmental advances in surrounding neighborhoods, the history of that neighborhood has, to many, been largely overlooked.

Enter Jack Washington, Ewing resident and Trenton Central High School history teacher. In 2001, Dr. Washington was approached by Princeton University's Prof. Nell Painter to take part in a three-year fellowship to do the research for a comprehensive historical account of Princeton's black community.

The fellowship was funded by a research grant through the African-American Studies Department at the University. Prior to that, there had never really been a comprehensive book on the black community in Princeton. There have been case studies, oral histories, class projects at the University and some senior theses — but not one book in one volume.

"It's been a long journey for this history to come about," Dr. Washington said.

And appropriately, the book is titled *The Long Journey Home*.

While touching on the origins of Princeton's black community, the focus of the study is the 200 years between the country's birth and its bicentennial.

The culmination of Dr. Washington's research tells us

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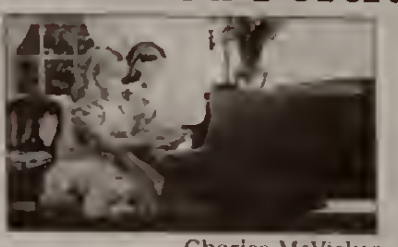

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A HISTORY WAITING TO BE TOLD: Dr. Jack Washington (center, with book) teaches history to his students at Trenton Central High School. The black history of Princeton, he said, is one of those forgotten lessons and needs to be re-inserted in the community dialogue. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Black Community

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that some of Princeton's most respected residents, in fact, owned slaves, and that slaves were the primary source of labor in the building of Morven, the governor's mansion. But the research also shows that while many prominent landowners in Princeton also owned slaves, there was a vocal part of the white community "sympathetic to the plight of the slave."

"I was looking at this as a historian and social activist and I was saying 'Here's the research, and these are things I am trying to accomplish.'"

And what was he trying to accomplish?

"Well, bringing the history to the community, and it's an interesting story: there are a lot of myths that this book will hopefully put to rest."

One of those myths, Dr. Washington said, is that there were no black people enrolled during Woodrow Wilson's tenure as University president, beginning in 1902. "That's not true, black people were attending the Graduate College in Wilson's time."

"That kind of flies in the face of what we've previously heard."

Further, in light of the Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood's current self-examination, Dr. Washington said he wanted to offer accounts of how that neighborhood became not only a thriving residential, but a retail center for the black community. By the early 20th century, when the community was celebrating the 40th anniversary of the emancipation proclamation, black residents in Princeton owned and operated several local establishments.

The book further documents the growth of that commercial and residential activity through the 1902 James Margerum purchase of parts of Hulfish, John, and Jackson streets.

"There was a long-established black community that continued to grow in Princeton," Dr. Washington said.

That said, *The Long Journey Home*, while illustrating the origins of a prominent Princeton community, is directly relevant to current issues the neighborhood is tackling, Dr. Washington said, adding that when he first accepted his fellowship, he would stir up enough information for what might be a prominent footnote in a University-dominated town.

"When I first took this project, I thought this would be a little, small story about a small community and I didn't think it would go far." But in his research, he found that community events directly mirrored national events and in some cases anticipated national trends, for example, the school district's decision to integrate its schools several years before Brown vs. Board.

"Princeton is the center of the world. Our whole national philosophy came out of Princeton. John Witherspoon taught many of the framers of the Constitution. This little small community had a tremendous impact on the world, I mean, it's just amazing."

The Long Journey Home is available at Micawber Books, the Historical Society of Princeton and the Princeton University Store.

—Matthew Hersh

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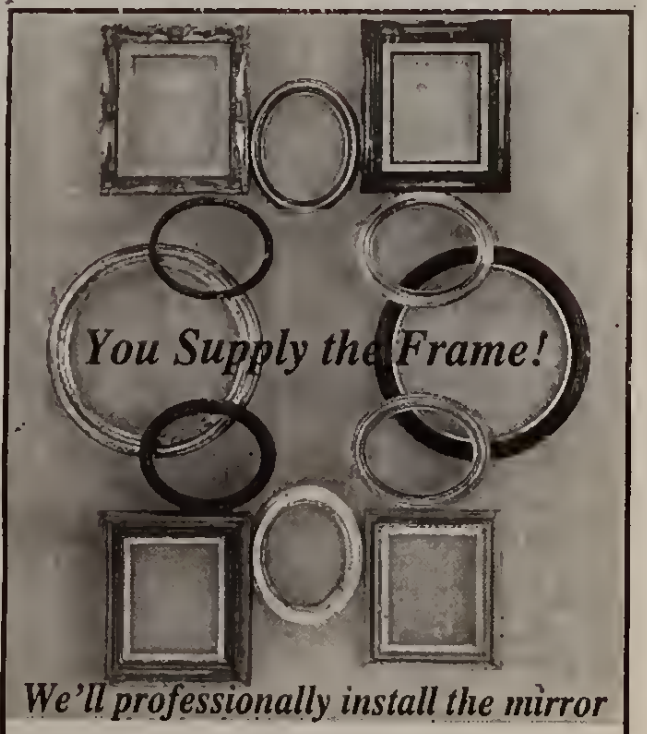

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Johnson Park School Entrance Doesn't Merit Traffic Signal

Members from the Mercer County Engineering Department appeared before Township Committee Monday night to deliver a presentation that effectively forestalls the possibility of placing a traffic signal at the intersection of Rosedale Road and General Johnson Road — the Johnson Park School entrance.

The study was instigated by parents who often experience long waits either turning left onto General Johnson Road off Rosedale Road, or waiting to make a left turn onto Rosedale when exiting the school.

But while the intersection is a driver's nightmare for about 20 minutes in the morning and the afternoon, it is relatively smooth the rest of the day, said Gregory Sandusky, acting county engineer. That reason, combined with various other factors, precludes the need for a traffic light at that location, he added.

"The intersection doesn't meet any of the warrants [needed] to get a traffic signal approved."

Those "warrants" are outlined by New Jersey's Department of Transportation, which lists criteria that have to be met for a traffic signal instaliation.

Mr. Sandusky added that information provided by the Princeton Township Police Department since 2001 has indicated that there have not been any school-related accidents and that a long-planned traffic signal at the corner of Rosedale and Province Line roads about a mile west of Johnson Park School should help lighten the traffic load. The installation of that light, however, has been slowed due to property acquisition obstacles on the county end.

Since the Monday through Friday traffic build-up at the Johnson Park School entrance did not meet any of the county's eight terms to merit traffic signal installation, George Fallat, Mercer County traffic engineer, suggested that a police officer be on-hand to direct the traffic. Several years ago, the Township was sued because a crossing guard had attempted to direct traffic rather than controlling it for students trying to cross the street.

But Township Police Chief Anthony Gaylord said there are not enough officers available to direct traffic at that entrance. Currently, Township Police cover 16 school crossings daily.

"The resources and manpower to cover 16 school crossings is enormous, it takes a lot of personnel to do it, and we just don't have the personnel to get traffic out of there, and we're not talking about children mainly crossing that intersection—we're talking about vehicles.

"It's a tough situation, but for us to put an officer out there to direct vehicles, every other [school] would want us to direct traffic for them," Chief Gaylord said.

While acknowledging that traffic control was part of police work, Chief Gaylord added that the burden would be too great. "It's just difficult right now to accomplish what Johnson Park School wants us to do."

Currently, there are two lanes on the east-bound side of Rosedale Road headed toward Princeton. A second lane was created in conjunction with the completion of Greenway Meadows Park, directly across the street from Johnson Park School. Most commuters not turning into the school use that right lane to by-pass any wait that would be incurred if there were a single lane of traffic. Many residents, however, suggested that the second lane, which was intended only for park use, has created a "two-lane highway" effect on that segment of Rosedale. Some suggested that the second lane be barricaded, barring a passing-on-the-right situation.

"This became a bad situation," said Paul Taylor, a Fairview Drive resident with two children attending Johnson Park. Before the addition of the second lane, cars would slow down and stop before using the shoulder to maneuver around turning vehicles, Mr. Taylor said. "Now what happens is cars slow down, see this lane on the right, and accelerate through, and it's become a two-lane highway."

Mr. Taylor added that the steady stream of traffic in the right lane has become a problem for cars attempting a left turn out of the school onto Rosedale. That point seemed to resonate with some Committee members.

"That passing on the right scares me," Deputy Mayor Bill Enslin said, referring to pedestrian safety.

James Pascale, Township administrator, suggested that the Township could regulate that lane by enacting an ordinance, rubber-stamping the right lane for park use only, Township Police could monitor the area.

"[Drivers] will get a ticket and word will spread quickly," Mr. Pascale said.

The county's Mr. Sandusky said there is a "good possibility" that the county could create a resolution formally recognizing such an ordinance.

Summonses issued for passing on the right would generate money largely for the county, as Rosedale is a county road, Chief Gaylord said.

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand hoped to have an ordinance introduced by the end of the year, before school goes back into session.

Walter Bliss, who sits on the Princeton Regional School Board, asked the Committee to continue exploring the possibility of reducing the speed limit from 45 miles per hour and hoped for continued "human coverage" at that intersection.

Sidewalks, Route 92

In other news, Township Committee approved a motion that increases its share of the cost burden in sidewalk repair. The Township, like the Borough, will now evenly split the cost with residents for repair. Formerly in the Township, residents shouldered 75 percent of the cost, Robert Kiser, Township engineer said. Currently, the Township is undergoing a tussle with several Snowden Lane residents who oppose the construction of a new sidewalk on the western side of Snowden between Franklin and Hamilton avenues. A joint Borough/Township meeting will take place next Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in Borough Hall to discuss the matter.

Additionally, Township Committee has agreed to participate in a "roundtable discussion" with other municipalities regarding the hotly-contested Route 92 project. Route 92, a conceptual road since 1938, according to Mr. Kiser, would create a connection between Route 1 and the New Jersey Turnpike through South Brunswick Township. South Brunswick has actively opposed the road, which, however, has been endorsed by Princeton Township and Borough.

Committee members Casey Hegener, Bernie Miller, and Deputy Mayor Mr. Enslin all supported the initiative, with Phyllis Marchand abstaining from the vote, citing her desire not to make such a commitment until DOT has issued its final Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Currently, only a draft EIS has been issued.

Committeeman Bill Hearon was absent from the vote.

—Matthew Hersh

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THE NEW FACE OF TOWN TOPICS: A look at the proposed facade of a renovated 305 Witherspoon Street, the new home of Town Topics, which will include an addition to the existing building, as well as new exterior cladding of cedar shingles and white trim, new windows and doors, and landscaping.

(Rendering courtesy of Hillier Architecture)

Town Topics Chapter

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it for academic offices. They will be surprised to learn that there is another occupant in the building — the Town Topics ghost. The University might have a little more difficulty getting this tenant to vacate.

—Lynn Adams Smith

Softball Fields

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plan for the four schools.

While the security system can be adapted to the student level, the Board has not made a decision yet as to whether or not it will be, said Dr. Marasco, adding that the main priority right now is making sure the system is installed so that those in the schools feel secure, but not limited.

"You could have a great plan and system but it does nothing unless it's implemented properly," he said.

The security system will also be installed at the middle school and high school once construction is completed there. **— Candace Braun**

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Lottery Awards All Who Registered A Shot at the Coveted Flu Vaccination

The day so many Princetonians were waiting for finally came Friday when hundreds of eligible recipients who registered for a flu vaccine lottery were able to receive their much-coveted shot.

Last month, when the U.K.-based Chiron Corp., responsible for an estimated half of the American supply of flu vaccinations, had its license suspended because of sterility concerns, it caused a nationwide wave of concern as people rushed to get the few shots that were available.

Like many other communities, Princeton resorted to a lottery format, allotting what vaccine it was able to acquire only to those in the "high risk" category, namely the elderly, infants, and those with chronic illnesses.

The Princeton Regional Heath Department (PRHD), which once predicted it would not have enough shots, was able to accommodate every resident registered in the lottery. While PRHD health officer David Henry was not able to give an official patient count, he said the 725 flu shots were enough for everyone who had responded to the lottery.

"I have to hand it to the volunteers and the Princeton Senior Resource Center," Mr. Henry said, clearly relieved. "It's one thing to get the vaccine, it's another thing to be able to carry this out and have everything run smoothly."

In addition to the Senior Resource Center, volunteers included representatives from Princeton Home Care Services, the Delaware Valley Princeton Pediatric, and physicians from the Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS).

At 12:30 p.m., when volunteers first started to administer the shots, lines extended "half-way to Nassau Street," according to Dr. Kathy Ales, of Merwick Rehab Hospital & Nursing Care.

"It was really buzzing," she said.

The health department received a limited quantity of vaccine, about 42 percent less than the approximate 1,400 doses normally allocated.

Mr. Henry initially estimated the access to vaccine would fall somewhere in the "low hundreds." But the shipment ultimately exceeded those estimates — so much so, in fact, that the PRHD did not have to use the full allocation. Mr. Henry said that surplus would be put back in the pool for long-term care facilities throughout the state. "This way, other folks will be able to get the vaccine through other avenues."

In years past, excess vaccine has been somewhat taken for granted, Mr. Henry said, "Previously, you'd run across a situation where companies had to throw out vaccine, because you didn't have enough people taking the shots."

This year, however, residents weren't taking the vaccine for granted.

"I didn't win the lottery? I thought I won something!" quipped Marvin Goldberg of Greenholm Court. While Mr. Goldberg receives a flu shot annually, this year was a bit different. For him and millions of other Americans, the lack of vaccine added a sense of urgency.

"In this country, if you can't get something, you want it bad, and it becomes that much more important," he said.

—Matthew Hersh

WAITING TO FIGHT THE FLU: The Princeton Senior Resource Center hosted this year's flu vaccination operations. Because there was a shortage in vaccine, lines stretched 'halfway to Nassau Street' Friday as residents who registered in the vaccine lottery waited for their shot. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

IT'S THE SURE SHOT: Phillip Cruickshank of Dodds Lane, shown here with Joan Marks administering the shot, receives a flu shot annually. This year, most residents under 65 or without chronic illnesses were not able to receive their shots due to a shortage in vaccine. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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Sara M. Nicolls

SAVE Names Sara Nicolls New Executive Director

Sara M. Nicolls has been named chief executive officer of SAVE, Princeton's animal shelter. The promotion was announced by Carol Hillenbrand, president of SAVE's Board of Trustees.

Ms. Nicolls joined SAVE as its executive director in 2000. Since then, she has broadened the shelter's support base, heightened local awareness of the shelter and its programs, expanded community outreach programs, and built strong alliances with community organizations. Perhaps most Importantly, Ms. Nicolls has doubled the number of successful animal adoptions from 350 In 2000, to 700 in 2003.

As CEO, Ms. Nicolls will direct the continuing growth of the animal shelter by playing a strategic role in the implementation of a $5 million capital campaign to build a new shelter, and rolling out a groundbreaking Humane Education program that is fast garnering interest from school districts and associations throughout the state.

"Sara's vision for SAVE Is astounding, and her energy unflagging," said Ms. Hillenbrand. "We know that Sara's leadership and guidance will help SAVE reach its goals, and move to the forefront of animal welfare. We hope to become a model for other anlmal shelters to emulate."

Prior to joining SAVE, Ms. Nicolls was a consultant for Sterling Associates in New York; Director of Development for Standardbred Retirement Foundation in Blairstown; Manager of Community Relations for the Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago; and Manager of Public Relations and Charity Events for Inter-Track Partners in Chicago.

Ms. Nicolls, a Pennington resident, earned a bachelor of science degree in business management and public administration at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, and studied financial management at the University of Chicago.

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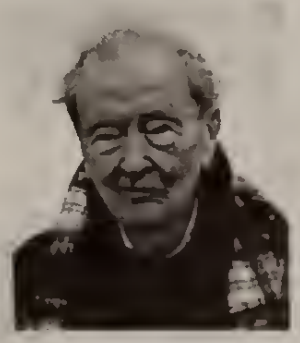
"The family get-together with the children and the grandchildren. It is, though, sad for me because my mother passed away in 1959 while we were having the Thanksgiving dinner that she prepared — something I can never forget." — *Van Tamasi, Terhune Road*

"We spend the holidays with family and friends — one year with my husband's family and then mine the next. It's always fun — there's lots of turkey." — *Dwyer Malatich (with Hadley 2½), Spruce Street*



"We have a fine carving set that we only use once a year when Windrows allows us to carve a whole turkey for friends and family. After that, it is put aside for the next year." — *William Whipple, Hedgerow Road*

"We have Thanksgiving at my daughter and son-in-law's house in town with her sister and her family and our grandchildren. That's our tradition." — *Wesley McCaughan, Snowden Lane*

P R O F I L E S in

EDUCATION

Nikole Thomas

Name: Nikole Thomas
School: Eden Institute
Years Taught: four years
Subject/Age Taught: program coordinator for nine to 13-year-olds
Education: Princeton High School; bachelor's of science degree in biology from Rutgers University; enrolled in M.A.T program for special education at The College of New Jersey
Most Memorable Book: *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein
Person You Admire: Students at the Eden Institute: "They are my constant reminder that Eden is working, that this really is a good place to be and that our kids need us...Just seeing the daily progress of everyone here reminds me that we're improving their quality of life."

The goal of improving a child's quality of life is not only the reason Nikole Thomas went into teaching, it's what will keep her there for the long run. As program coordinator for the Eden Institute, a school for children with autism, she works with students who fill her with a feeling of accomplishment when they take even the smallest steps toward improvement.

Autism is a cognitive development disability that children are usually diagnosed with between the ages of six months to two-and-a-half years, said Ms. Thomas. Parents tend to notice the symptoms in their children if they aren't crawling or walking when other children are, or if they have trouble speaking. Children with this disability often suffer from "severe behaviors" or poor fine-motor skills. The severeness of the disability can he extreme, said Ms. Thomas, which is why many of the students work with faculty members on an individual basis.

Majoring in biology at Rutgers University, Ms. Thomas originally planned to pursue a career in medicine. While in college, however, she was encouraged to take on an internship at Eden, where her sister was working in the finance department. After graduating, she found herself right back at Eden, taking on a full-time position.

"I totally fell in love with the kids and the program," said Ms. Thomas, adding that before going there she had very little experience with children who had learning disabilities. "It definitely makes me look more critically at school systems now," she said.

There are approximately 50 students at the school, with about the same number of faculty members to assist them, said Ms. Thomas. As program coordinator she works with the children both during the school year and throughout the summer, helping monitor behavioral programs, classroom activities, communication with parents, and progress reports. She also conducts weekly staff meetings, trouble-shooting problems the teachers are experiencing while trying to reach a child.

"Our support staff is wonderful here. There's always people around to help bounce questions off of," she said.

The school's faculty works very closely with parents, keeping in touch with them daily through a communication notebook on each child's progress. Parents are invited to stop by and observe class and visit with their child any time; they are also encouraged to participate in the students' field trips, social activities, and holiday show.

"Most of the parents here are really involved and come here on a regular basis," said Ms. Thomas.

Basic Living Skills

Rather than taking part in a regular academic school day at Eden, students work on basic living skills, such as domestic tasks, and basic health and cleanliness needs. Because some students have poor-fine motor skills, simple tasks such as unscrewing a toothpaste cap or brushing teeth can be difficult. Teachers can help by giving them toothpaste in a pump, or an electronic toothbrush, said Ms. Thomas.

As the children grow older, they are separated into vocational or academic programs, depending on where they appear to fit best. Some children have difficulty with tasks as simple as looking at a number and identifying it, in which case a teacher provides a three-dimensional view of the number. Other children can become advanced enough to use a graphing calculator.

Children in vocational programs work on skills such as filing and collating, and with Eden's help, can be matched up with employers once they reach adulthood.

As adults, some patients continue to live with their families and receive weekly, monthly, or annual visits from the staff at Eden. Others live on their own in nearby assisted-living apartments, while those with more severe problems are placed in a group home. Eden promises every child enrolled at the school the opportunity to receive services from Eden for life, said Ms. Thomas: "The support we offer here for our families is really fantastic."

Parents appreciate the efforts of the staff, as well. Recently Ms. Thomas was recognized as the 2004 Andors Teacher of the Year. Established five years ago by Leon and Toni Andors, the award is given annually to an Eden faculty member who has shown "exemplary dedication and professionalism." This teacher receives money from the Andors Fund which helps subsidize his or her salary, along with $100 to purchase materials and supplies for the classroom.

Confronting Issues

The biggest issue faced by Ms. Thomas and all the faculty at Eden is the way the school is viewed by outsiders, she said. The school has been criticized for certain procedures they take with children, such as putting them in restraints. But what those not connected with Eden don't understand, said Ms. Thomas, is that restraints are only used if children are a threat to themselves or others, and are only used as a last resort.

Every program at the school is approved by a human rights committee, with technicians constantly working to improve or alter them based on the children's needs, and holding reviews during their first 30, 60, and 90 days to assess if the child is in the right one.

Ms. Thomas said she encourages anyone with questions about the program to come in and observe what she and her staff are doing each day to help their students: "We're obviously all here to help these kids and we have their best interests in mind."

While working at a school where everyone has some type of disability can be disheartening and frustrating at times, the experience overall has been a very rewarding one for Ms. Thomas. Everything she does there comes together for her when she is able to reach a child, she said, recalling when one student, a nine-year-old girl, had so many high-intensity behaviors two years ago that she was unable to make eye contact or communicate properly with others, let alone work on basic living tasks.

Then something miraculous happened: "The other day she was walking with her teacher to the bus and when she got on, she turned around and looked right at her teacher and waved goodbye," said Ms. Thomas. "It's simple things like that that people take for granted in life, but it's so rewarding when it happens here. You really feel like you're making a difference for these children."

— Candace Braun

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Rescue Squad

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pay, and we don't even ask about it because, in fact, it's illegal to ask about it," Chief Paulson said.

Once the squad brings a patient to the hospital, a volunteer obtains the insurance information, either from the patient or the hospital. The subsequent bill would usually go directly to the insurance company. "Many of our patients won't even see a bill," Chief Paulson said.

In the case of a co-payment, the squad will be required to send a bill to the patient, Chief Paulson added. However, as a 501(c)(3), non-profit, charitible organization, the squad will have a "very clear, written charity care policy" and will deal with payment difficulties on a case-by-case basis, he added.

"We're not in this to turn a profit," Chief Paulson said.

The chief added that 47 percent of the squad's patients were from outside of Princeton and thus unable to contribute to the organization's annual fund drive.

The billing for service would provide "significant" income for the squad, and while not in any financial trouble, the service is in a constant fight to remain up-to-date in equipment and can "barely cover its operating budget," Mr. Paulson said.

Additionally, he said, its aging facility at the corner of Clearview Road and Harrison Street has increasingly become a problem, both financially and spatially, for the 60-member volunteer squad.

Of its funding, the rescue squad currently receives $150,000 from the Princeton Borough and Township combined, with the Township shouldering two-thirds of the cost. In addition, the organization depends on private donations, donations from large corporations, and an monies accrued from an annual fund drive to shoulder the various costs incurred in its operations.

But while the rescue squad has maintained the same dollar amount in past fund drives, the number of people donating money has decreased by five percent, Mr. Paulson said.

While squad representatives have already appeared before Borough Council, they must also meet before Township Committee and other community organizations before the squad can move forward with the initiative.

"This was probably harder for us to come to terms with than it will be for anyone in the community, because we're still volunteering our time, but we had to realize simply that health care in the United States has cost to it," Chief Paulson said.

Similar programs have been widely successful in other communities, Chief Paulson said, with the only major criticism being when there is not enough communication with the residents.

The additional income will also serve as an impetus to start examining future sites. Lodged in a 41-year-old facilty that was initially designed to house "Cadillac ambulances," the squad has begun to grow out of its proverbial baby clothes.

"Since before I joined the squad, we've had space problems, but it's become even more acute in the last five years. Our vehicles sit outside all the time, and we barely have the space to conduct the training classes we need to," Chief Paulson said.

"We've been pouring a lot of money into a building that has been inadequate for our needs."

As such, the squad has located a plot of land for sale across from the Shell Station on Bayard Lane that "could" suit its needs if the facility were to move.

Rescue squad representives held a community meeting Friday night with neighbors of the Bayard Lane neighborhood. Chief Paulson said that particular area would be well-suited for the squad because of its location.

"We want to be part of the residential community, but we are only in the beginning of this process," he said.

—Matthew Hersh

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Spate of Burglaries Strikes University; Computers Stolen

An unknown thief made off with more than $2,000 worth of personal items including a computer, cell phone, and wallet belonging to a Princeton University student on November 11 at the Campus Club on Prospect Avenue. It was the first of three burglaries on the University campus reported by Borough Police during a five-day span.

An office in the University's Wallace Hall was the scene of the second burglary, of a Dell laptop computer valued at $1,900, reported on November 15. The theft was believed to have taken place between November 12 and 9:30 a.m. on November 15. It is not known how the burglar(s) gained access to the office.

The third burglary, discovered November 16, was reported to have taken place sometime between November 13 and November 15 at the University's Graduate College. According to police, the burglars absconded with $5,500 in cash from a locked storage room in a Graduate College office.

Police have no suspects in any of the thefts.

Motor vehicle stops in the Borough led to the arrests of three drivers on warrants for contempt of court. Frederick Holley, 33, of Trenton, stopped on Moore Street for a traffic violation on November 13, was subsequently found to be wanted on several active warrants from various jurisdictions. He was released after posting bail of $1,498. On November 17, a Hamilton woman, Michelle Blome, 29, was similarly arrested and released after posting bail of $116 on a motor vehicle warrant. Later that same morning, Antoine M. Carroll, 36, of Franklin Park was stopped on Nassau Street and then found to be wanted on a variety of offenses. He, too, was released after posting bail — in his case, $1,553.

Three drivers were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated: Richard D. Blanton, 46, of Dallas, Tex., on November 10; Matthew Hopkins, 25, of Biscayne Court on November 13; and Stephen L. Coulter, 52, of Yardley, Pa., on November 19.

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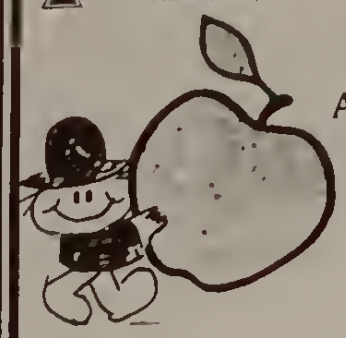

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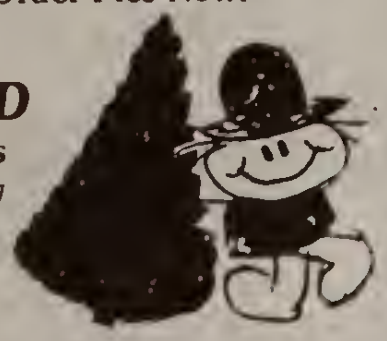

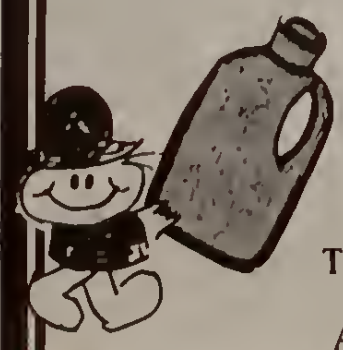

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The hayrides will be offered on a continuous basis from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge for the rides, but donations of canned goods will be accepted for distribution to local food banks. At 3 p.m. donors will be eligible to win doorprizes — including bells worn by the Farm's horses.

The Friends of Howell Farm will be selling sleighbells throughout the day to benefit the Farm's restoration projects. The bells are made by harnessmaker Mervin Martin, who makes the harnesses and sleighbells worn by the Farm's workhorses. Brass- and nickel-plated bells will be sold in straps of six, twelve, and twenty. Holiday items include fresh evergreen wreaths and doorhangings; baskets featuring the Farm's flour, corn meal, and honey; and handmade gifts from the Pleasant Valley Sewers sewing group.

A children's craft program, "Door Swag," will be held in the farmhouse on a walk-in basis from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Projects take 20 minutes to complete and cost $3 each. Groups (eight or more) must pre-register.

Howell Farm is located on Valley Road, just off Route 29 two miles south of Lambertville. Parking and admission are free. For more information, call the Farm at (609) 737-3299 or visit the Farm website at www.howellfarm.org.

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Venetians

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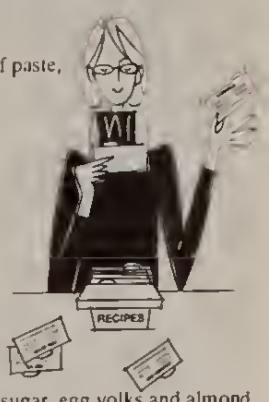

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1. Grease three 13x9x2 inch pans; line with wax paper and grease again.
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3. Beat in flour and salt.
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6. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or just until edges are golden brown. Cakes will be 1/4 inch thick.
7. Remove cakes from pans immediately onto large wire racks. Cool thoroughly.
8. Place green layer on jelly-roll pan. Heat apricot preserves; strain. Spread ½ of the warm preserves over green layer to edges; slide yellow layer on top; spread with remaining preserves; slide pink layer; right side up, onto yellow layer.
9. Cover with plastic wrap; weigh down with a large wooden cutting board, etc. Refrigerate overnight.
10. Melt butter, stir in chocolate chips until melted. Spread to edges of cake; refrigerate 'til firm; trim edges off cake; cut into one inch square pieces.

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THE LETTUCE GATHERERS: Linda and Annamae Kiefer showing off their haul last Saturday at the "Pig-Out Day" for Thanksgiving vegetables at the Organic Farm at the Watershed. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Library Program Explores History of America's Pigs

The history of the free-roaming pig on America's farms will be explored in a program at Princeton Public Library on Thursday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m.

"Old Pig, New Pig, Happy Pig, Blue Pig" will feature a film and discussion about the resurgence of interest in heritage breeds and free-roaming pigs. The program is intended for school-age children and adults.

"The Pig Picture," a short film, traces the evolution of pig-raising from small family farms to large-scale industrial confinement systems. Pigs that once roamed freely were eventually confined to indoor cages, pens and crates. Now, innovative farmers seek to put them back outdoors.

After the film, Kelly Harding of Cherry Grove Farm and Fran McManus of Eating Fresh Publications will lead a discussion about heritage breeds, confinement pork, and what you can do to help set pigs free. Audience questions are welcome. Refreshments will be served by the Bent Spoon ice cream parlor.

For more information on this event, contact Pamela Groves in the library's Youth Services Department at (609) 924-9529, ext. 244, or visit www.princetonlibrary.org

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To the Editor:

As news of NJ bill S-1701 spreads (see front page article Town Topics 11/10) those of us who care deeply about our schools and our children's education are very concerned. Details of the bill can be found at www.njsba.org/1701. As School Board President Anne Burns pointed out, the ability of the district to fund many of the programs about which it cares deeply will be in dire jeopardy. While the Town Topics article focused on the part of the bill which addresses surpluses, to me the shocking part of the bill is the budget increase cap. To wit, the law states that the budget of a NJ school district may not increase by more than 2.5% or the CPI each year. As anyone with a cursory understanding of budgets knows, that amount can be eaten up quite easily by the simplest things — rising energy costs, increased teacher salaries, replacing worn-out textbooks. Not only is there no room for growth in what our schools provide our children (imagine being prevented by law from expanding education) but when normal costs rise (as they always do) we will need to reduce what we can offer our children educationally, just to keep the buildings open.

The reason for this? Property tax reform. Until NJ institutes a genuine income tax, property taxes are the source of funding for our schools. Rising property taxes for many are a burden, so the state legislators passed this bill to cap the growth in education costs. And that caps the growth of education. It does not matter if every voter in the Princetons turned up for the school budget vote and begged to increase the school budget by a couple of hundred dollars over the cap to, say, give every kindergartner starting school a new pencil — if 2.5% has already been spent over last year's budget, the state says no pencils. Our intent to pay our own money to grow our children's education is to be firmly blocked.

What can any of us do about this? Well, certainly you can let our state representatives know how you feel — Reed Guiscora and Shirley Turner always want to hear from you, but my understanding is that this bill is not open to appeal. There are two big options, though, for parents of school children and also those who just believe that educating our children is the best thing we can do with our time and our money. If you have a child in school, give money to your PTO. Give a lot. Even if all you can give is a dollar, give a dollar at the next event. Drop it off in the mailbox in the lobby or write a check. Each of the six PTOs in the Princeton Regional School district operate for this reason, among others. When a teacher wants to introduce something in the classroom, like the pencil for each child, a field trip to a museum, a visit from an author or artist, she asks the principal first. Oftentimes, there is no 'extra money' for those things (and due to S-1701, we can now assume, never), so she puts in a request to the PTO. And every time they can, the PTO comes through. This is why those men and women of the PTOs are always baking brownies, selling wrapping paper, and chaperoning dances. Every penny raised is then made available to enrich the children and the families of the children in the Princeton Regional Schools. And if we went to continue that enrichment and grow it, that money will have to enter the schools through grants and gifts from places like the PTOs.

But some school programs and projects are bigger than any one PTO can handle. And there are many improvements to the curriculum that should be implemented district wide, not just in one school, if they can raise the money from their parents. The Princeton Education Foundation (PEF) was established in 1995 to enhance the educational experience of all Princeton public school children by bringing private funding into the Princeton Regional School District. The Foundation solicits and receives funds from individuals, companies and other foundations. PEF funds programs and equipment in collaboration with the District's administration. In addition the Foundation awards grants directly to teachers for specific projects. The Foundation is staffed entirely by volunteers; virtually all money donated goes directly to the classroom. Some of the programs and projects funded just recently include the Peer To Peer Program at John Witherspoon Middle School. This program aims to reduce the incidence of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other drug use among middle school students using a proven peer-to-peer outreach model. Another is the joint purchase with the four elementary schools of Starlab, a portable planetarium that can be brought to any classroom, library or multi-purpose room, creating an instant "in school" field trip. In its first year alone, this project benefitted 1600 students. Just this year, the Music After School program has matched 105 students from all four elementary schools with 40 high school music students as mentors.

In the last ten years, PEF has funded $300,000 of grants like these, submitted by teachers and administrators in the Princeton Regional Schools. The District's web site home page, www.prs.k12.nj.us, has a link to the Foundation's web pages. The link is on the left side, halfway down. I encourage all with an interest in our schools to visit the site and see the wonderful and valuable contributions made to our schools so far. Direct donations can be sent to Princeton Education Foundation P.O. Box 176 Princeton, NJ 08542. Consider a gift to PEF, and ask your employer to, as well. Rather than favoring a particular school by donating to one PTO, a corporation can give to PEF, essentially spreading the dollars across the district. I believe that due to S-1701, the PTOs and PEF will be called on more and more to supply even the most basic needs for our schools, because we will be prevented from budgeting growth. Furthermore, the answer that comes up every time there is a forum about gangs, or violence, or drugs, is that kids need more opportunities to be engaged in the community and connected to one another. In our schools, we have so many people with ideas and an eager willingness to coordinate these engaging opportunities for our children, but funding is still necessary for elements like training, supplies and space fees.

One additional way to help support PEF and the PTOs, and in turn channel needed funds to worthwhile programs in our schools, is the Shop Smart Shop Princeton fundraiser starting the day after Thanksgiving and continuing until December 24. When you make a purchase at a participating Princeton Borough Merchant, show your Shop Smart card, and 10% of your purchase will be donated to the Princeton Education Foundation. The cards are available through any of the PTOs or by calling PEF at (609) 806-4214. I hope to also have cards available at White Lotus Home at 202 Nassau Street. In this way, you can help support small local businesses, who in turn want to help support the school children of Princeton.

Thank you for considering the education of our children to be our highest priority. Our commitment to them is the best way to make a better world.

Theodore Caspanian
Will's (Princeton High School)
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also terminated or on what grounds.

An investigation by the Princeton Township Police determined that the women were using an unauthorized Staples account to make personal purchases between the months of April and September. They have been charged with theft by deception and complicity.

Currently, Warren Schuster is serving as interim executive director of the program, said Dr. Grossman. Cheryl Kirton was hired as the new full-time, permanent assistant to replace Ms. Harrington in the beginning of the summer, she added.

Ms. Hill was hired as PYA's executive director last September. She had taken the position because of her interest in sending her son to the Princeton Schools, she told Town Topics at the time.

While PYA isn't supported in full by Princeton Regional Schools, the district contributes approximately $65,000 per year towards the $204,000 received by the organization, and houses the program in its building on Valley Road.

"We're very concerned about this situation. It's very serious and most unfortunate," said Jeffrey Graber, assistant superintendent and chair of the program committee for the school board.

"An organization dedicated to improving young children's lives," PYA began in 1993 as a partnership between Princeton Schools, two sponsors of affordable housing in Princeton, and concerned parents. Today the organization serves 140 elementary school children at three learning centers, and holds an annual multicultural summer camp.

PYA is one of several district-supported programs currently being examined by the school board because of bill S-1701, which was signed into law by then-Gov. James McGreevey in July. The bill requires school districts to reduce their budget surplus below three percent, allowing schools less leeway in case of unexpected emergencies, such as a lawsuit or unforeseen problems with construction.

Other programs that the district will examine include Spring Board, a tutoring program housed at the Princeton Public Library; Corner House, a counseling center for adolescents; and the district's all-day kindergarten program.

The Board is looking to hold a joint program and facilities committee meeting to address the bill in early December.

—Candace Braun

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Terming Illegal Immigrants "Criminals" Contributes to Climate of Intolerance

To the Editor:

Corrington Hwong's letter to the editor (Town Topics, November 17) states the belief of many that undocumented immigrants are "criminals" and do not deserve the concern of our community.

As a matter of law, the writer is wrong about the "criminal" status of immigrants. They are not criminals, and immigration violations, by and large, are civil, not criminal violations.

Unfortunately, the common discriminatory stereotype that immigrants are "criminals" is the very thinking that encourages the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency to pursue undocumented landscapers and cooks with as much vigor as the agency targets terrorists and those chargeable with criminal law violations. Consequently, this prejudicial view of undocumented immigrants makes us less safe, not more, because the bad guys run free while our jails are filled with hardworking, family-oriented individuals.

Worse, the misinformed, prejudicial and inflammatory belief that all persons who have immigration problems are somehow "criminal" leads to a climate of intolerance which we are now witnessing on the streets of Princeton. As recently reported in Town Topics, some U.S. native-born individuals target for assault and robbery immigrant-appearing individuals because the perpetrators assume that immigrants are less likely to report crimes to the police for fear of being deported. One man was almost beaten to death.

Such intolerance diminishes our community and undermines public safety. We want victims and witnesses of crimes to have the confidence to report such incidents to the police.

Surely, there is a place for a reasoned debate about federal immigration policy. But where we live and raise our children, we should not demonize immigrants and encourage a climate of prejudice and hate. Such encouragement is not only inhumane, it's just plain dangerous.

RYAN STARK LILIENTHAL
Maple Street
ROGER MARTINDELL
Prospect Avenue

To the Editor:

Corrington Hwong's suggestion that undocumented persons are "criminals" in her recent letter to the editor (Town Topics, November 17) is a mistake that bears correction.

Undocumented immigrants are not criminals in any sense of the word. They are certainly not criminals in the common use of the word, suggesting that they are somehow a danger to the community. We would not have so many of them cooking and serving our food, mowing our lawns, and caring for oor children and parents if they were.

They are also not "criminals" in the strict legal sense of the word. Being an undocumented person is not a crime. If they were they would have many more rights in court, such as the presumption of innocence and the right to a court appointed attorney. As an immigration lawyer I often wish that my clients were considered "criminals" in the strictly legal sense.

This is only one example of how our immigration laws are fundamentally flawed. Until this situation is corrected, people should not have to answer to a knock on the door at 5 a.m.

Undocumented immigrants have become an integral part of our Princeton community, without whose presence our lives could not be lived as we do. They deserve the respect of all of us who benefit from their services on a daily basis.

STEPHEN A. TRAYLOR
Attorney at Law
Nassau Street

To the Editor:

Borough Council's resolution urging immigration reform and seeking more correct and humane behavior by immigration officials when "detaining" (arresting) alleged violators of immigration laws is commendable. However, in conversations with a number of area residents it has become clear to me that policies supporting immigrant rights are by no means uncontested. A recent letter to Town Topics, for example, suggests that supporting "illegal" immigrants constitutes justifying criminal behavior. Others have told me there is no reason that illegal immigrants should have recourse to due process, and that they should simply be deported ASAP. We should not think that this attitude is limited to a tiny handful of anti-immigration fanatics. It should be addressed.

In the United States any person who is arrested on any charge, immigrant or native-born, is assumed innocent until proven guilty in a court. Normally an arrested person is held in a local jail pending an appearance within a very short period of time before a magistrate, and has the right to an attorney. Then the accused makes a plea and if it is "not guilty" most of the time bail is set pending a trial. A judge or jury then determines guilt or innocence. Most people will agree that regardless of anything else, an arrested immigrant is entitled to this basic procedure, which is routinely violated by immigration officers. We should not assume that an accused immigrant is automatically guilty.

But even if an immigrant turns out to be undocumented and is found guilty or pleads guilty, he or she should have the opportunity to present facts in a local court that might lead to a resolution other than deportation. For example, the immigrant has been caught while a legalization process is underway. Or, the immigrant is a caretaker for children who are citizens and deportation would cause great hardship. Or, an appeal for political asylum is underway. How can we object to giving immigrants an opportunity to state their cases in court?

So it is simply not the case that those who support immigrant rights are supporting criminals. And it is simplistic to say that if an immigrant is shown to be undocumented that alone is sufficient grounds for deportation.

Finally, we should question the expenditure of resources devoted to prosecuting immigrants who have no prior criminal record. In light of our society's need to go after "serious" criminals, do we really want to prioritize the prosecution of hard-working people who want nothing more than to become part of the American mainstream?

MARTIN OPPENHEIMER
Shady Brook Lane

Princeton University Athletes Praised For Behaving "With Dignity and Grace"

To the Editor:

Having just returned from the Princeton University men's water polo games [in the Eastern Championships] at Bucknell in Lewisburg, Pa., I would like to congratulate Coach Luis Nicolao and the team on its awesome victory. I was the driver for the team this weekend and as has been my experience with all of the Princeton teams I have carried, it was a pleasure to deal with such a well behaved and outstanding group of young people.

I recently was the driver for the women's hockey team to two of their away games as well. I can't say enough about the wonderful women on the team or the coaches. They were respectful and carried themselves with dignity and grace. On the ice they were tigers!

Princeton University can be very proud of the teams it fields in all sports. They seem to be the best of the best no matter what their records are.

I have carried teams from many area colleges and universities, but Princeton will always stand above the rest in my opinion.

KEVIN McGARRY
Ewing
Charter Driver

Friends of Princeton Public Library Grateful for Enriching Fund-Raiser

To the Editor:

The Friends of the Princeton Public Library hosted an enormously successful annual benefit on November 5 and 6, doubling our efforts and our activities. The Library was not only the community's living room, but its dining room and sports center for two wonderful events and a terrific auction. The Nassau Presbyterian Church offered a venue for our speaker.

The success of the enterprise came from an outpouring of very hard work — and much good will from Princeton. We are deeply grateful to all who attended; to all who made it possible; to the Library staff and Council members; and to our sponsors — gold sponsors Cardinal Partners, Glenmede Trust, Howe Insurance Group, and Bohren's Moving and Storage; silver sponsors Drinker Biddle and Reath, Fidelity Investments, Hillier Architecture, Miele, NXGen Payment Services, U.S. Trust, and Panera Bread; and bronze sponsors Arlington Capital, Church & Dwight, Gillespie Advertising, The Gould Group of Wachovia Securities, McCaffrey's Markets, Patriot Media, Princeton Capital Management, Princeton University, Volvo of Princeton, and The Yedlin Company.

Bill Bradley was splendid, contributing his presence gratis; John McPhee is our community uncle.

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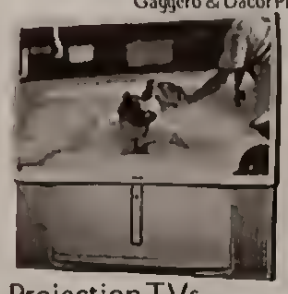

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Library Board Urged to Accommodate Majority of Library Users — in Township

To the Editor:

It is no wonder that others have perceived the library's decision to stay in its present location as a marketing effort. That is what it has been from the beginning, with the decision benefiting the Borough and its merchants in spite of the fact that the majority of the users are from the Township and pay two thirds of the library's operating budget.

There is now no practical way to move the library. What can be done, however, is for the Library Board to realize that we in the Township are the major supporters and should be accommodated as much as possible. As a start, how about living up to the promise to have book and AV collection boxes placed in the Shopping Center so that those of us who live in the Township don't have to drive to downtown Princeton with its increasing crowds just to return a book or a CD? The Borough already has two sets of boxes both within an easy walk of the Library.

Second, how about providing a place in the Shopping Center so that those of use who do our shelf browsing on our computers and put books found "on hold" can pick them up at the Shopping Center while doing other errands? Harry Levine, the past president, noted that the cost of doing so would be trivial. Leslie Burger's reason for not implementing it was that she did not know where it should be placed even though the owner of the Shopping Center's new book store agreed to provide free space and help with the staffing. She did not know if it would be fair to the other stores! If Ms. Burger cannot simply ask the other store owners if they would provide a similar service, I and other interested parties would be willing to conduct the survey for her at no charge. There is already a Post Office branch in the new bookstore.

Unless the Library Board starts taking the Township residents a little more seriously we may wonder why we should bear the lion's share of financial support and start going to the Mercer County Library. I am sure that in such an event the restriction on Princetonians getting a Mercer County Library card could be worked out. The Board should stop making us think in those terms.

ROBERT J. LEVINE
Linwood Circle

Deer Population Seen as Increasing Thanks to Fish and Wildlife Division

To the Editor:

Lewis Edge's letter (Town Topics, November 3) questions whether the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife manipulates habitat to increase deer reproduction. Apparently he hasn't read the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 1987 Pittman-Robertson Environmental Impact Statement, which admitted that these practices affect "significant acreage" needed and used by nongame species.

Under cooperative agreements with public and private agencies, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife clear-cuts and alters habitat for game species throughout the state.

Most state game agencies cut forests and plant crops to create food for deer because well-fed does breed earlier and have more fawns. Hunting has the same effect — creating more food by removing competitors — keeping deer reproductive rates high. In the absence of hunting, fertility declines.

Habitat manipulation and hunting destroy nature's balance by keeping the herd unnaturally young and reproducing. In the wild, deer can live 15 years. Under severe hunting pressure, New Jersey's deer live only two years. Breeding declines when limits in food and cover are reached. But management for hunting thwarts the species' natural coping mechanisms.

Public lands aren't the only acreage altered. Much if not most management is conducted on private lands and tracts leased by hunters. While Princeton is trying to reduce the deer population, Fish and Wildlife is increasing the deer population on leased lands adjacent to White Buffalo's killing fields.

Finally, it shouldn't be assumed that since there are no longer natural predators, we can create the same effect simply by introducing hunters. The results will probably be entirely different. One of the country's foremost deer experts says, "The idea that predators can serve to maintain prey populations at stable levels may be incorrect. Therefore, attempts to recreate a mythical stable population density through hunting may not be a sound strategy if the goal is to maintain ecosystem health" (McShea, W.J. et al., *The Science of Overabundonce*).

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Nursery School Expresses Gratitude To Sponsors of Its Scholarship Fund

To the Editor:

University League Nursery School held its annual Harvest Fair recently. The event, a combination of food, music, and activities, brought ULNS families together and helped raise money for our scholarship fund. We are particularly grateful to the many area merchants who made this event possible. They included Chili's, Chevy's, On the Border, Lindt Chocolate, Olive's, Zorba's, Main Street Catering, Momo Brothers/Witherspoon Bakery, Whole Foods Market, McCaffrey's, Iano's, Pizza Star, Target, Small World Coffee, Mossimo's Pizza, Nassau Bagel, Wegmans, Conte's Pizza, Frieberger Farms, Village Nursery, Timothy's Gardens, Stults Farm, Hagerty's Flowers, Von Thons Farm, Little Acres, and Blossom's Flowers and Gifts.

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A Multicultural Community's Support Made Feria de la Salud Successful

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Latin American Task Force, I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff of the University Medical Center at Princeton, the members of the Hispanic American Medical Association, and the many local organizations who contributed to the success of the community Health Fair/ Feria de la Salud on November 13 at John Witherspoon School. The Princeton HealthCare System Foundation gives generous support to this event, which is co-sponsored by the Hispanic American Medical Association and the Latin American Task Force.

This Health Fair was initiated eight years ago to give health care and advice to people in the Princeton area who do not have access to regular health care services, and provides testing, screening, and health counseling, with translation into Spanish for those unable to discuss their concerns in English.

I would like to acknowledge contributions and donations of refreshments and prizes from Avon Cosmetics, Bank of America, Bon Appetit, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Halo Farm, HAMA, Janssen Pharmaceutica, La Mexicana Grocery, La Lupita Grocery, McCaffrey's Supermarket, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Pelus Travel, Princeton HealthCare System and Usborn Books: thank you all, for our refreshments, prizes for patients, and publicity supplies. Thank you also to Rotary Club and Princeton HealthCare System Foundation lor supporting the production of the 2004 edition of our Princeton handbook, the Folleto de Princeton, distributed free at the Health Fair, and available throughout Princeton.

The Health Fair would not be possible without the hard work and bilingual skills ol many volunteers, including faculty and students of the Department of Modern Languages of The College of New Jersey, Princeton University students, local high and middle school students and community members. We encourage and appreciate their involvement in and support ol our multilingual and multicultural community. Final thanks are due to the dynamic members of Princeton University's Ballet Folclórico who make our Health Fair festive each year. It is a privilege to collaborate with such a wonderful group of people committed to making this a safe and healthy community.

HANA MUZIKA KAHN
Latin American Task Force
Westcott Road

Community Groups Must Work Together To Counter Witherspoon Area Violence

To the Editor:

I could not attend the November 15 community meeting [at the Township Municipal Complex], but I want to add my sentiments. Hardly a week passes that I don't read about some violence or act of terror in my neighborhood (John-Witherspoon). I am surprised that there has not been any public outcry from neighborhood residents denouncing what appears to be a growing climate of predatory behavior on the part of our young people. Yes, these are our young people. One week there is news of a young Princeton High School alumnus who gets shot to death in a Trenton Park. We are then bombarded with extensive details of his funeral with gang members among the mourners. We also received detailed information regarding the precision and spirituality of the gang funeral ceremony. I heard older people applaud the manner in which the military gravesite ceremony was carried out. Within one month of that murder, two young men are apprehended on suspicion of weapons and drug activity. At about the same time we hear about two other young men, and a young man they beat so badly that he has been left with brain damage. Later two more men would report that they had been set upon by young black males. This is predatory behavior, and we know the predators.

What has happened to "It takes a Village?" As a member of this neighborhood, I feel a sense of loss because the families of the young people involved are well known to me. I am hurting along with the parents and grandparents of these young people. It is unfathomable that we can raise a generation of young predators who are capable of taking away a man's ability to contribute to this society because of his ethnicity. It is also unbelievable that these good kids have the tools of violence at their fingertips. Much like African-Americans in this town, the Latino population is doing much of the work nobody else will do. It is painful to me that an African-American who knows his/her history can wreak such havoc on another minority group in this nation. Somehow the community has to mobilize to help teach our young people that they are accountable for their own actions, especially once they can be prosecuted as adults. We love them, but we cannot condone their behavior. Our police, schools, human rights groups, and churches cannot be expected to raise our young people to be contributing members of a society. We have to work together.

Something is wrong with the picture. Like the Columbine parents, don't we know when kids are cooking bombs in our own garages? Don't we have suspicions when the dogs they bring to our homes can be turned into killers? Do we have any idea that they carry guns, ski masks, and drugs in their cars? Do we care?

JACQUELINE L. SWAIN
Lytle Street

Senior Resource Center Congratulated For Its Efficient Flu Shot Distribution

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Princeton Senior Resource Center!

Friday afternoon's flu shot program was a model of organization and efficiency. In the space of a couple of weeks a lottery was put in place to assure that flu shots were distributed fairly and directly to those Princeton residents for whom the need was greatest. Grateful residents were not forced to wait in line, and information was gathered and shots dispensed with extraordinary ease.

My husband and I worked as volunteers and the job was made easy by the careful planning and generosity of the Center staff, local doctors, nurses, and other volunteers.

Friday served as another reminder of how fortunate Princeton is to have such an excellent resource for our senior population and for those who care about them.

PAM WAKEFIELD
Prospect Avenue

To the Editor:

This fall, the Princeton Department of Health and Princeton Senior Resource Center were making plans to hold two flu shot clinics at the Suzanne Patterson Center. News was then received that the vaccine would not be available this year since our supply, coming from Chiron, was banned by the British government. Subsequently a portion of the supply needed to cover Princeton residents who met the CDC's list of eligible recipients became available. In order to distribute the inadequate supply fairly, a lottery was established and advertised. As soon as 700 letters had been sent announcing winners and losers of the lottery, additional vaccine was made available, and all people who registered were able to be vaccinated.

The Herculean effort that was put forth by the staff and many volunteers of the PSRC in the last six weeks was truly impressive. Processing the hundreds of phone calls and inputting data required hours of time in addition to planning and running the normal programs for the month. I would like to commend the staff, volunteers, and the executive director, Susan Hoskins, as they gave of themselves so generously to make sure the residents of the Princetons received the vaccine this past Friday. Princeton is truly lucky to have such a resource available.

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BOOK REVIEW

A Saucy Tale of Mistaken Commas and Missing Apostrophes

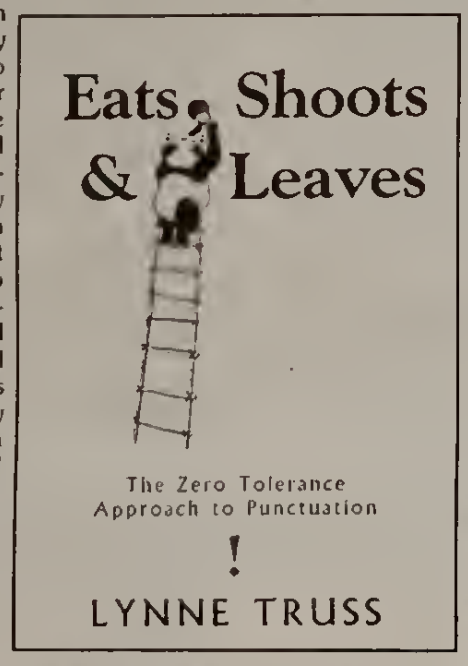
Lynne Truss is a self-proclaimed "stickler" for proper punctuation. The author's photo on the jacket of her best-selling book, *Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation* (Gotham, $17.50), shows her with a marking pen in the act of attempting to add an apostrophe after the "s" in a poster advertising the movie *Two Weeks Notice*. The absence of that apostrophe (in letters four feet high on the side of a London bus) stunned her to a standstill one day. This traumatic event is only one example of the "ghastly private emotional process similar to the stages of bereavement" that ultimately inspired her to write this book.

Only a hardcore stickler would clutter the title with that flyspeck apostrophe. References to the movie online almost unanimously reject the punctuation mark that would legitimize the title and soothe the author's fevered brow.

Lynne Truss hardly needs soothing. Like Liberace, she "cries all the way to the bank." In last Wednesday's New York Times, a full-page full-color ad heralded "The #1 New York Times Bestseller," boasting over 1,000,000 copies in print. It's been on the non-fiction best-seller list longer than anything, including Bill Clinton's autobiography, and, yes, it's about punctuation. You feel like asking "What's a cute little thing like you doing in a place like this?"

How did it happen? First, imagine Bridget Jones as a playful pedant with a gift for catchy analogies and a way of "sexing up" stale data. Give her book the hook of the cute title and the cute companion anecdote where an errant comma turns an innocent panda who eats shoots and leaves into a gun-toting panda who eats, shoots, and leaves. For the dust jacket, draw the panda Winnie-the-Pooh style standing on a ladder painting over the comma, and you're on your way. But of course it all had to begin in England, where the book became what the publishers call "a runaway best-seller" and set off debates in Parliament. My guess is it would not have run away in the States without the boost of its success in Britain. After all, we live in a country where the subject of debate is more likely to be exposed nipples than missing or misused apostrophes and where the president himself is an admitted abuser of the English language. Come to think of it, maybe that's one reason a book on the fine points has done so well here. Maybe the abominations visited on sense and syntax not just in the White House but in every facet of American life have sparked public interest in this chatty polemic.

It is also something of a minor miracle for a British author to publish a book in the United States without having to endure the imposition of American style on English spelling, and, most significantly, English punctuation. American readers accustomed to seeing commas and periods staying put inside quotation marks — where sanity is "To be or not to be," not "To be or not to be", — are sure to be distracted by these British idiosyncrasies, especially in a book where such things are at the heart of the argument. No self-respecting American copyeditor would let "eats, shoots and leaves", (as it appears in the text) go by without sticking a comma after "shoots" and tucking that lost lonely little comma back into the sheltering arms of the quotation marks. To further confuse things, Ms. Truss uses the American-style double rather than British-style single quotation marks and then goes about sticking commas and periods inside (yes, inside) the quotes whenever the quoted material is more substantial than a fragmented excerpt. Thus she violates one of the essential principals in matters of style: consistency.



In his thoroughly negative New Yorker review of *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*, Louis Menand claims that adhering to British usage "makes the book virtually useless for American readers." But it's useless only if you take it seriously as a guide, which is not its intention; it's an "approach." To attack this little book with the quantity of eloquence and intelligence Mr. Menand brings to it is a bit like pounding the cute little panda on the cover with a Weapon of Mass Destruction.

So, how serious is this U.S.-U.K. inside/outside conflict? We're allies in Iraq, after all. Think of it in human terms: imagine Tony Blair like the English period shivering outside the quotation marks, bareheaded, with no umbrella, while "W" huddles safe and dry inside. Why? The Brits would say it's because the quoted material should be unfettered by intrusive marks. Here in the land of the free we'd say it's just not right to leave that poor period standing out there in the cold like a wallflower at the prom (or a pet poodle in the rain).

If the preceding paragraph seems a bit over-the-top, it's only meant to reflect what goes on in *Eots, Shoots & Leoves*. You can hear Bridget Jones for sure when Ms. Truss gushes over that Medieval hunk, Aldus Manutius, who invented the italic typeface and printed the first semicolon: "I will happily admit I hadn't heard of him until about a year ago, but am now absolutely kicking myself that I never volunteered to have his babies."

This Bridget also has an insatiable appetite for anthropomorphic fun and games, as when she has the semicolon calling "a bunch of brawling commas to attention" or when she compares the colon to "a well-trained magician's assistant," or pictures the comma as a dog "racing about with its ears back," and an exclamation point as an "emphatic little black blighter sitting cheerfully on the page." Family values? In the family of punctuation "the full stop is daddy and the comma is mummy," the semicolon "quietly practices the piano with crossed hands," and the exclamation point is the "big attention-deficit brother who gets over-excited and breaks things and laughs too loudly." As she carries on happily mixing her metaphors and indulging in an almost non-stop orgy of analogy, it's obvious she's having a good time — and so are most of her readers.

One of the virtues of *Eots, Shoots & Leaves* is not just that it heightens your awareness of the subtle signals and limits punctuation sends and sets but that it makes you appreciate the anti-sticklers, the prose anarchists and poet adventurers like e.e. cummings, whose sly transgressions mocked the rules and conventions we go through school paying forced homage to. Down with capital letters! Who needs syntactical order or straight lines when you can bend words and break 'em in half? In *Tristram Shandy*, Laurence Sterne has a ball playing fast and loose with dashes and asterisks. Ms. Truss compares punctuation to stitching. When it's missing, language "comes apart, and the buttons fall off." True enough, Sterne and Cummings and Joyce, among many, split the seams. So does J.D. Salinger when he offers the reader "a bouquet of very early blooming parentheses ((((0))))" and proceeds to see them as "buckle-legged owners of my state of mind and body at this writing."

Looked at from this direction, the "zero tolerance approach" would seem to be against everything that makes life and literature exciting. Why waste time on the petty "horror" of the unpunctuated *Two Weeks Notice*? Go read Walt Whitman and swim in a sea of exclamation points, hyphens, and ellipses. Or read the title poem in C.K. Williams's book *The Singing*. No punctuation, not a comma, not a period, nothing, everything pure and open, except for the quotation marks around "Big," the only word spoken in this edgy Princeton encounter. Or read Joyce, who does away with quotation marks in dialogue altogether, preferring dashes instead.

But then quotation marks have become part of the sign language of contemporary life. I wonder who was the first person to raise two fingers of either hand and wiggle them in the air to indicate some ironic or qualified something-or-other about a particular word or phrase. Perhaps it came from the hand-signals used for communicating with the deaf. Whatever can be said for or against Ms. Truss's book, it's nice to see it holding its own on the best-seller list even if the style is a bit (hands in the air, wiggle fingers) "much."

—Stuart Mitchner

Poet James Richardson To Read from New Book

James Richardson, poet, literary critic, and professor of English and Creative Writing, will read from his newest book, *Interglociol: New and Selected Poems & Aphorisms*, at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, in the Stewart Theatre, 185 Nassau Street. The reading is part of a Humanities Council series celebrating writers on the Princeton faculty. Toni Morrison and Chang-rae Lee presented the first two readings. Joyce Carol Oates will be honored in the spring.

James Richardson is the author of nine books: seven volumes of poetry and two critical studies. In 2001, he published *Vectors: Aphorisms and Ten-Second Essoys*, which consists of 500 "miniatures."

Mr. Richardson is the recepient of numerous awards and honors, most recently the 2002 Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

A Princeton alumnus, he returned in 1980 as a faculty member and was director of the Creative Writing Program from 1981 to 1990.

The reading is free and open to the public.

Author Jennifer Weiner To Speak at Luncheon

Jennifer Weiner

The Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County is hosting a benefit luncheon with best-selling author Jennifer Weiner at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30 at the Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville.

Ms. Weiner's 2001 debut novel, *Good in Bed* , stayed on the best-seller list for more than 21 weeks. Her next book, *In Her Shoes*, hit the list in 2002 and is currently in production as a feature film starring Cameron Diaz, Toni Colette, and Shirley MacLaine. Reviewers have called her a "marvelously natural storyteller."

A Princeton graduate with the Class of 1991, she worked in journalism for ten years before the publication of *Good in Bed*, publishing columns and articles in The Philadelphia Inquirer, Time-Out New York, the Columbia Journalism Review, and Seventeen.

At the luncheon Ms. Weiner will speak about her writing, her inspirations, and her new book; she will also answer questions. There will be books for sale and a book signing.

The cost of the event is $50 per person, with all of the proceeds directly benefitting JFCS programs for children. For information and reservations, contact Lourdes at (609) 987-8100.

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PRESENCE OF THE PAST: Princeton residents A. Lloyd and Dorothy C. Moote recently published the book, "The Great Plague: London's Deadliest Year." After researching the plague for ten years, the authors wrote a book about nine different people who survived the disaster that took the lives of almost 100,000 people.

A Tragedy of London's Past: Authors Write On The Plague

Last Tuesday, Princeton authors A. Lloyd and Dorothy C. Moote discussed their recently published book, The *Great Plague: London's Deadliest Year*, at the Princeton Public Library. The Moote's book details the lives of nine individuals who lived through the Great Plague of London, which killed almost 100,000 between 1664 and 1665.

Recognized as a major historian of early modern Europe, Mr. Moote is an affiliated professor at Rutgers University. Ten years ago he took on the task of researching the plague with his wife, a retired medical microbiologist with a special interest in epidemiology and immunology.

Having already given four talks in England as well as radio and television interviews since *The Great Plague* was published in March, the couple told their large library audience about their ten-year journey to complete the book, which would have only taken five years if one of them had written it alone, joked Mr. Moote. Making the book readable was the main concern, said the couple. First, they needed to find one voice rather than using the voices of both authors. Calling his wife "the master storyteller," Mr. Moote said that once they agreed she would do most of the writing, it began falling into place.

After taking the first draft to their editor, they were told that the reader learns everything he needs to know about the plague in the first three chapters. Back at the drawing board, the couple discovered that the best way to tell the story was through the eyes of nine different people who lived during the plague and who left behind memoirs that could be pieced together into a story. Among the characters are an apothecary in a poor suburb, a rector in a wealthy parish, a silk merchant, a country gentleman, a widowed noblewoman, and Samuel Pepys, whose written accounts of the plague have provided material for historians.

Treatments

While the plague initially devastated the poor living on the outskirts of London, rather than the wealthy living in the center of town, it eventually found its way into all parts of the city, said the Mootes. Doctors were some of the first to leave, only returning during the day to treat patients. However, the Mootes found records from one doctor who did stay, but would sterilize himself each morning by washing his nose and ears with vinegar and putting nutmeg in his mouth. After treating his morning patients, he would eat a very large meal, one way to keep away the disease, it was believed.

While the cause of the plague was unknown at the time, everyone believed it was transferred through contact. The book discusses the different ways people believed they kept themselves free of the disease, either through extensive cleanliness routines, through smoking tobacco out of a pipe, children included, or by dipping mail in vinegar and placing it on the end of a stick before it was delivered to its recipient.

Using current evidence that the illness was communicated by rats and fleas, the authors were able to piece together how it spread throughout London. Discovering a list of those who died in a parish in 1665, Mrs. Moote observed that not only the number of cloth makers who died was extremely large as compared to those in other occupations, but was also able to follow a trail of cloth-making towns outside of London that were hit by the plague, one by one, evidence that fleas carrying the disease travelled on the cloths, she said.

Stories from the survivors can be found in The Great Plogue, available at the Princeton Public Library and at area bookstores.

— Candace Braun

MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY: The pop-rock duo, Sleeping Dogs, performed during last week's Unquiet Friday at the Princeton Public Library. The singer is Tom Hammel, whose affable manner behind the desk in the Lending Services Department has made him a popular figure to library patrons like guitarist Dan Goldsmith, who first met him there. (Photo by George Vogel)

Library Holds Holiday Storytelling Programs

A new winter series by the Princeton Storytellers Circle at Princeton Public Library kicks off with holiday-based performances on Saturdays, December 4, and 11 in the third floor story room of the library.

Princeton resident Maria LoBiondo will present a program titled, "Stories in the Spirit of St. Nicholas," on Saturday, December 4, at 2 p.m., in the first event in the series designed for children ages five and older.

A freelance writer, editor and storyteller, Ms. LoBiondo has told stories to both children and adults and participated in Tellabration, the annual event organized in conjunction with the National Storytelling Association. Ms. LoBiondo is a member of the Princeton Storyteller's Circle.

The second holiday performance, featuring storyteller Joanna Foster's "Hanukkah and Other Miracles," will take place on Saturday, December 11, at 2 p.m.

"We hope attending programs like these will be the start of a family holiday tradition," said Jan Johnson, manager of the library's Youth Services Department.

The Princeton Storytellers Circle winter series will continue on January 22, at 2 p.m., when Luray Gross presents a program titled "Light Tales for the Dark Year." The series wraps up with "Oh...So That's Why! Stories on How Things Came to Be," by Mary Ann Paterniti on on February 26.

For more information on library programs and services, call (609) 924-9529, or visit www.princetonlibrary.org

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SAVE to Start Up Book Discussion Group

SAVE, Princeton's animal shelter, will be starting up a book discussion group with an organizational meeting on Thursday, December 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. It is open to adult readers who are interested in modern fictional works that emphasize the bond between humans and animals, an important part of SAVE's mission.

The discussion group will take place at a location that has yet to be determined. The group is open to the first 10 individuals who register by calling the SAVE office at (609) 924-3802, or indicating interest through an email to mary@save-animals.org.

Reading selections will be chosen from work such as *The Snow Goose*, by Paul Gallico; *August Magic*, by Veronica Anne Starbuck; *Winter Run*, by Robert L. Ashcom; and *Fifth Life of the Cotwomon*, by Kathleen Dexter.

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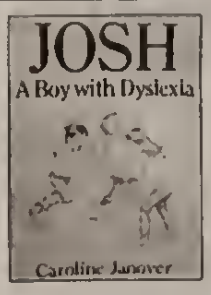

Caroline Janover, Nationally Reputed Author of Josh, A Boy with Dyslexia and other children's books on dyslexia and ADD. She has over 35 years teaching experience and lectures nationally on the importance of identifying and nurturing the "multiple intelligences" of children growing up with a learning difference.

Jamie Janover is a "self-taught master of improvisation." He is recognized as a true innovator on the hammered dulcimer (a percussion stringed instrument in the zither family, played with small sticks called hammers.) Jamie has played with bands like Phish and has appeared on more than 20 official commercial recording releases.

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MUSIC AND THEATER

Candlelight Concerts Highlight Family Holiday

VOICES Chorale will perform two candlelight concerts, the "Festival of Lessons and Carols," on Saturday, December 18, at 8 p.m. at Princeton Methodist Church, and on Sunday, December 19, at 3 p.m. at the Pennington Presbyterian Church, 13 South Main Street, Pennington.

Under the direction of Lynne Ransom, the 65-member choir will perform classical pieces including Dmitry Bortniansky's *Cherubic Hymn No. 7* and movements from Bach's *Magnificat*.

The chorus will also perform Charles Feldman's *A Carol for Chonukoh* and holiday favorites such as *Sleigh Ride*. Sotto Voce, a small group of some of the chorale's most accomplished singers, will perform the first movement of Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*. Audiences will have the opportunity to sing along on carols such as *Oh, Come All Ye Faithful*.

The choir will be accompanied by organist Timothy Brown and the New Jersey Burlington Brass ensemble.

Soprano Rochelle Ellis will perform in several solos including *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* by Robert MacGimsey.

Tickets are $18 general admission, $15 for seniors/students, $8 for children 12 and under. Family passes are available for $42. NJ Arts Pass holders receive a discount.

Call (609) 637-9383 for tickets, or for further information, visit www.voiceschorale.org.

Westminster Bell Choir Plans 3 Holiday Concerts

The Westminster Concert Bell Choir, conducted by Kathleen Ebling-Thorne, will present the first of three holiday concerts on Saturday, December 4, at 8 p.m. in Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel. The ensemble will also perform on Sunday, December 5, at 4 p.m. (a sold-out performance) and at 8 p.m.

The performances mark the Bell Choir's first holiday concerts in Princeton in three years.

The program will focus on the themes of music of the Nativity and Christmas memories. It will include such works as *It Came upon a Midnight Clear*, *Forondole from the L'Arlesienne Suite*, *Morche from The Nutcracker Suite*, *Up on the Housetop*, and *White Christmas*.

Known for its virtuosity, the Westminster Concert Bell Choir uses the largest range of handbells in the world. It has appeared on Public Television's *Mister Rogers Neighborhood* and several holiday broadcasts of the *Today Show*. Its holiday performances have been heard annually on National Public Radio's *Performance Today*. In December 2002 the ensemble joined Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Charlotte Church, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for a critically acclaimed 15-city tour entitled *A Royal Christmas*.

Kathleen Ebling-Thorne

Ms. Ebling-Thorne, a graduate of Westminster Choir College, is a member of the sacred music department at Westminster where she teaches classes in handbell training and conducts a second handbell choir. She is also director of sales and marketing at Malmark, Inc. Bellcraftsmen in Plumsteadville, Pa. Known as a handbell clinician, she has conducted sessions for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers on both the local and national levels.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for senior citizens and students. For reservations, call (609) 921-2663. The Westminster box-office is located in Williamson Hall on the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Walnut Lane.

"Cool Yule Jazz" to Start Holidays at Westminster

Holidays at Westminster will begin with a performance entitled *Cool Yule Jazz II* on Friday, December 3, at 8 p.m. in Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel. Pianist Philip Orr, clarinetist Jerry Rife, drummer Edward Taylor, and bassist Roy Cumming will perform songs spanning the jazz spectrum, from the pop vehicles *I'll Be Home For Christmas*, *Winter Wonderland*, and *The Christmas Song* to the introspective jazz original *A Child is Born*.

Mr. Orr's achievements as a composer, arranger, keyboardist, conductor, and teacher have been recognized with a fellowship from the New Jersey State Council for the Arts. His compositions and arrangements in a variety of genres integrate his experience with classical concert repertoire, traditional sacred music, jazz, pop, gospel, and rock styles, and have been recorded in the United States and abroad. A former accompanist and arranger for singers Vic Damone and Sandler & Young, he is known for keyboard work that encompasses a broad array of styles in a variety of solo and ensemble roles. He serves on the musical faculties of The Lawrenceville School, Rider University, and Westminster Choir College, from which he holds degrees in sacred music and composition.

Dr. Rife, a professor of music and chair of the music area in the fine arts department of Rider University, teaches graduate-level musicology at Westminster Choir College. He holds a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in clarinet performance from Kansas State University, as well as a doctorate in musicology from Michigan State University. The conductor and music director of the Blawenburg Band since 1985, he has brought that ensemble to prominence with concert performances at venues ranging from Richardson Auditorium to the White House. His writing credits include the Saxophone Journal, Jazz Player Magazine, and the second edition of the Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians. Active as a performer of solo, recital, orchestral, and jazz music on the East Coast, he is the leader of his traditional jazz band The Rhythm King, and a member of both the Johnson Trio and the swing jazz quartet Blue Skies.

Mr. Taylor, a native of New Jersey, holds a degree in jazz studies from the Mason Gross School of Arts and in classical composition and theory from Rutgers University. Active as an educator, he has taught at Rutgers and Rider Universities, and is currently on the faculty at William Paterson University and Westminster Conservatory, where he is director of the jazz program. He is a frequent performer in and around New York City with his jazz quartet, Groove Apparatus.

Mr. Cumming, who grew up in Clifton, began as a violinist and switched to the bass after high school. His ascent in the jazz world was rapid. By the time he was 20 he was playing with Teddy Wilson. He went on to play with such jazz notables as Al Haig, Chick Corea, Al Cohn, Zoot Sims, Phil Woods, Booker Ervin, Johnny Hartman, Sarah Vaughan, Tony Williams, and Roy Haynes. With Glenn Davis, he played for more than 20 years with guitarist Harry Leahy in Leahy's trio.

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Vocal Groups of 1950s In State Theatre Concert

New Brunswick's State Theatre has announced a second, evening performance by the rock and roll singing groups The Platters, Coasters, and Drifters on Saturday, December 11. The 3 p.m. concert is sold out, but seats are still available for the 8 p.m. show.

Combined, the rock and roll legends of the '50s and '60s have sold more than 260 million records with such songs as *Charlie Brown*, *Only You*, *Under The Boardwalk*, *Poison Ivy*, *Up on the Roof*, *The Great Pretender*, and *Yakety Yak*, among many other hits.

In 1955, The Platters recorded the ballad *Only You* on Mercury Records, marking the beginning of stardom for a quartet that was to become the most popular vocal group of the decade. The group had four number-one songs and 16 gold records between 1955 and 1960, most of which can still be heard today on "easy listening" or "oldies" radio stations. Platters record sales exceed 80 million copies, and most of their recordings are now available on CD. Their more than 20 movies appearances included *Rock Around the Clock Tonight* and *The Girl Can't Help It*.

Cornell Gunter's The Coasters were the supreme comedians of 1950s rock and roll. Their first record, *Down in Mexico*, recorded in 1956, brought the group into the public spotlight to stay. It was followed by the best-selling record featuring *Searching* on one side and *Young Blood* on the other. In 1958, they recorded two signature hits, *Yakety Yak* and *Charlie Brown*. In January 1987, they were the first vocal group to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. They have appeared in six movies and sold more than 100 million records.

The Drifters were led by Elsbeary Hobbs, who performed on the group's greatest hits, from 1958 until his death in 1996. Under his leadership the vocal group performed for three U.S. presidents, in concerts throughout the world, and in every major nightclub and concert hall in the U.S., including ten sold-out appearances at Madison Square Garden. Many of the band's hits were written by such songwriting legends as Burt Bacharach, Carole King, Doc Pomus, and Lieber & Stoller. Their first release on Atlantic Records, *There Goes My Baby*, became a two million seller; over the next decade, the group sold almost 200 million singles and more than 80 million albums in the U.S. alone. Only the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Bee Gees, and Michael Jackson have sold more records.

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HALL OF FAME VOCALISTS: Three of the most celebrated rock and roll groups of the 1950s — The Drifters, left, Coasters, center, and Platters — will perform two "Holiday Hop" concerts on Saturday, December 11, at New Brunswick's State Theatre, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets ranging from $20 to $45 may be ordered by calling (877) STATE-11 or (732) 246-7469.

Princeton Pro Musica To Perform "Messiah"

Princeton Pro Musica, a 120-voice chorus, orchestra and chamber chorus, will present George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, December 11, at 8 p.m. at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium, and on Sunday, December 12, at 4 p.m. at the Trenton War Memorial's Patriots Theater.

The concert, under music director Frances Fowler Slade, will feature soloists Mary Ellen Callahan, soprano, Roger Isaacs, countertenor, Mark Mulligan, tenor, and Elem Eley, baritone.

Ms. Slade, who founded Princeton Pro Musica in 1979, is also director of All Saints' Church In Princeton. Formerly, Ms. Slade was a member of the choral faculty at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. She has conducted choral groups at Wellesley College, Northwestern University, William Rainey Harper College, Raritan Valley College, and Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

She has also conducted the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Virtuosi of London, and the Teplicé Philharmonic of the Czech Republic.

Tickets for *Messiah* are available for $35 and $30 by calling (609) 683-5122 or ordering online at www.princetonpromusica.org.

"Amahl and Night Visitors" To Be Performed at Chapel

The opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by Gian Carlo Menotti will be performed at the Princeton University Chapel on Sunday, December 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Composed in 1951, *Amahl* is the story of a poor woman and her child who play host to three mysterious strangers bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The University Chapel presentation will be a staged performance featuring the Chapel Choir and orchestra, the Chapel Camerata. The role of Amahl will be played by Princeton resident Jameson Creager, a member of the Nassau Presbyterian Church. Margaret Meyer, a senior at the University and member of the Chapel Choir, will play Amahl's mother. Other featured members of the choir will be Pat Tang as King Kaspar, Lester Mackey as King Balthazar, Colin Fuller as King Melchior and Michael Kenneally as the Page. Penna Rose, Director of Chapel Music, will conduct the opera.

Admission is free and the public is welcome. For more information, call (609) 258-3654 or e-mail prose@princeton.edu.

Folk Music Series Presents Sally Rogers

Princeton Folk Music Society will present folksinger Sally Rogers on Friday, December 10, at 8:15 p.m. at Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane.

Ms. Rogers accompanies her ballads and songs with guitar, banjo, and Appalachian dulcimer. Her instrumental virtuosity has been widely praised in the media. Reviewers have called her voice "remarkable" and "outstanding," and The Washington Post has described her dulcimer music as "sterling."

She has a music education degree from Michigan State University, and has recorded 18 albums, including *Love Will Guide Us*, as a soloist and with other musicians.

The concert is part of a Folk Society Music series. The next performance of the series is scheduled January 21 by Tony Bird.

Admission for the concert is $15 for the general public; $10 for society members; and $3 for children age 11 and under. No advance sales are available.

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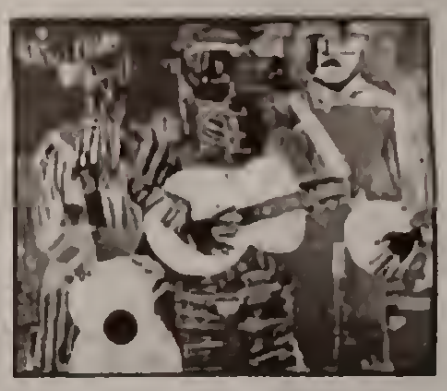

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McCarter Schedules "A Christmas Carol" For December Run

McCarter Theatre will ring in the holiday season with its annual production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* beginning Tuesday, December 7 and running through Friday, December 24. Directed by Michael Unger, the new production will feature a new Ebenezer Scrooge, Broadway veteran David Cromwell.

Mr. Cromwell will be returning to the McCarter stage where he has played Friar Laurence in Emily Mann's production of *Romeo and Juliet* and Sir Peter Teasle in *The School for Scandal*. His Broadway credits include Christopher Durang's *A History of the American Film*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. He will lead a multicultural cast of 36 actors, dancers, and singers in Dickens' timeless tale about the man visited by the spirits of his past, present, and future.

In addition to Mr. Cromwell, the new production will welcome four new actors — Price Waldman, who appeared in the Broadway and Los Angeles productions of *The Lion King*, as Bob Cratchit; Don Mayo, whose Broadway credits include *Man of La Mancha*, *On the Town*, and *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, as Mr. Fezziwig; Garrett Long as Scrooge's sister, Fan; and Brad Heberlee as Young Scrooge.

Danny Hallowell of Skillman, a student at Princeton Academy, will play Tiny Tim.

Returning for his fifth season as Nephew Fred will be James Ludwig, who recently appeared on Broadway as Orin the Dentist in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Aloysius Gigl, who was in the national tour of *Ragtime*, will reprise the role of Jacob Marley; and Susan Pellegrino, whose Broadway credits include *Imaginary Friends*, *A View From the Bridge*, and *Present Laughter*, will return for her third season as Mrs. Dilber.

In the spirit of the season, McCarter Theatre is asking audience members to donate non-perishable canned food items to a food drive box in the lobby during the play's run. The food will be distributed to local services organizations and food banks.

Performances are scheduled for December 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, and 23 at 7:30 p.m.; December 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 1 and 5:30 p.m.; December 23 at 3 p.m.; and December 24 at noon and 4 p.m.

Tickets range from $31 to $42, and may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787. An "early bird" discount of $5 is available for the Tuesday, December 7 and Thursday, December 9 performances.

Local Dancers Featured In ARB's "The Nutcracker"

Celebrating 41 years of *Nutcracker* performances, American Repertory Ballet will present artistic director Graham Lustig's interpretation of the holiday classic this weekend at McCarter Theatre on Friday and Saturday, November 26 and 27, at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 28 at 1 p.m.

Additional performances are scheduled for Sunday, December 5 at 1 and 4:30 p.m. at Patriots Theater at the War Memorial in Trenton; and Saturday and Sunday, December 18 and 19, at 1 and 4:30 p.m. at the State Theatre in New Brunswick.

Costumes will be by Emmy award winner Zack Brown.

Included in the production will be students from ARB's Princeton Ballet School.

American Repertory Ballet's Princeton Ballet School first performed *The Nutcracker* in 1964, with choreography by founder Audrée Estey, making ARB's production the third longest-running production of The Nutcracker in the country.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT: Danny Hallowell of Skillman will star as Tiny Tim and David Cromwell as Ebenezer Scrooge in McCarter Theatre's annual production of "A Christmas Carol," beginning Tuesday, December 7 for a three-week run. For tickets, call (609) 258-2787.

"This *Nutcracker* is set at the beginning of the 20th century, replacing hoop skirts and bonnets with flowing Edwardian dresses that allow for more fluid chorography and more expressive dance," said Mr. Lustig, who added that the roles for students are interspersed with those for company members, giving the Ballet School students an opportunity to perform side-by-side with professional dancers.

Founded in 1984, ARB's Princeton Ballet School has studios in Princeton, Cranbury, and New Brunswick, serving more than 1,250 students.

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Passage Presents "Nightlights" Musical

Passage Theatre, a company in residence at Trenton's Mill Hill Playhouse, will present a new musical production called *Nightlights* from Friday, December 17 to Sunday, December 19.

The musical is adapted from the children's book, *The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate*, by Janice Cohn. Based on a true story, the musical recounts how a community in Montana in 1993 came together to fight anti-Semitism. The production is aimed at children and their families.

With original music and lyrics by Harvey Edelman and Neil Fishman, *Nightlights* will be directed by Passage Theatre's associate artistic director David White. The cast includes both professional adult actors and Trenton youth from the State Street Project, Passage's arts-mentoring program to foster participants' aspirations through positive experiences in the arts.

Youngsters from the Trenton After School Program were mentored during the rehearsal process to develop new skills and confidence.

To encourage discussion of the play's issues among audience members, Passage is collaborating with KidsBridge, a nonprofit organization, to hold interfaith discussions, led by clergy and character education experts, following each performance. KidsBridge conducts anti-bullying and character education programs and other community service events in Mercer County.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, December 17 at 7 p.m., with two performances each on Saturday, December 18, and on Sunday, December 19, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Free, secure parking is available.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. For reservations, call (609) 392-0766, or visit online at www.passagetheatre.org.

Theatre Alliance Offers Free 2004-05 Calendar

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance (NJTA), the statewide consortium of professional, not-for-profit theatres, has announced publication of its free fall 2004/winter 2005 Professional Theatre Season Calendar. Available by phone (973-540-0515) or e-mail (info@NJTheatreAlliance.org), the calendar offers descriptions and performance dates of productions offered by the state's 20 professional theatres, as well as information on the popular Theatre Sampler Series, a low-cost theatre ticket package available through the Alliance. The publication includes information on productions scheduled through May, 2005.

Among the theaters listed in the calendar are McCarter Theatre, Trenton's Passage Theatre Company, and New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse.

According to the NJTA, the new season will bring not only premieres of many new plays but also premieres of new theatrical spaces. The 12 Miles West Theatre Company has found a new home at the former Roberts Lost Picture Show in Bloomfield, and in May, the Two River Theatre Company in Red Bank will open its new theatre with *You Can't Take it With You*.

The Alliance is offering a premium along with its Theatre Sampler Series. The Theatre Sampler is traditionally sold as a package of three plays at three different theatres for $70. NJTA will give a bonus ticket with the three-play sampler this year when one of the three original selections comes from a select group of theatres. The offer will allow theatre patrons up to four tickets for $70. For details, call (973) 540-0515, ext. 12.

Information about the theatre season can also be found at the New Jersey Theatre Alliance website, www.njtheatrealliance.org. Website visitors can also sign up for the weekly theatre e-newsletter.

Pennington Players Plan "Puss-in-Boots" Auditions

The Pennington Players will hold auditions for *The Truly Remarkable Puss-in-Boots* on Saturday, January 8 from noon to 2 p.m. and Sunday, January 9 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. Roles are available for adults, teens, and children 10 and up.

Auditioners are asked to prepare a two-minute monologue and bring a photo and resume to the audition. Auditioners for the part of Puss should also be ready to move.

Performance dates for the show will be April 14 through 17 at the Kelsey Theatre.

To schedule an audition appointment, call (609) 737-7529.

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WARRIOR MICE: A mock battle with an army of angry mice will be featured in the Belle Mead Ballet Company's condensed version of "The Nutcracker," scheduled for six performances next month in central New Jersey. Area performances of the holiday classic will be offered at Montgomery High School in Skillman on Saturday, December 11 at 2 p.m.; on Sunday, December 12 at Hillsborough High School at 3 p.m.; and on Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m. at Rider University in Lawrenceville. Tickets at $10 may be ordered by calling the ballet company at (908) 874-8800.

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CINEMA REVIEW — *"Christmas With the Kranks"*

Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis as Holiday Holdouts in Uninspired Dud

On paper, *Christmas With the Kronks* reads like a "can't miss"comedy with a lot more potential than the lump of coal that's been dumped in our cinema stocking this holiday season. It stars Tim Allen (*The Santo Clause 1 & 2*) and Jamie Lee Curtis (*Freoky Fridoy*), both of whom are known for this sort of family fare.

Also, the production is stocked with comedians Dan Aykroyd, Cheech Marin, Caroline Rhea, and Tom Poston. Rounding out the supporting cast are character actors M. Emmet Walsh and Jake Busey.

The movie was directed by Joe Roth (whose previous picture, *America's Sweetheorts*, was a hit) and its screenwriter was Christopher Columbus, who wrote and/or directed a string of hits, including *Home Alone 1 & 2*, *Horry Potter 1 & 2*, *Only the Lonely*, and *Mrs. Doubtfire*. Perhaps the problem had to do with the source material, since the story is based on the book *Skipping Christmas*, an uncharacteristic departure from the legal best-sellers by novelist John Grisham.

The story takes place in suburban Chicago, where Luther (Allen) and Nora (Curtis) Krank are facing the prospect of spending their first Christmas without their daughter, Blair (Julie Gonzalo), who is off in Peru, serving in the Peace Corps. Rather than get swept up in the rituals of the frenzied season, such as rushing around shopping malls, exchanging fruitcakes, and hosting their annual holiday party, the couple opts to treat themselves to a Caribbean cruise.

When word of their plan spreads around their cul-de-sac, their nosy neighbors, led by busybody Vic Frohmeyer (Aykroyd), decide to intervene. Unless the Kranks reconsider, their darkened house's exterior will ruin the block by being the only one on Hemlock street unadorned by festive lights and without a Frosty the Snowman on the roof.

EMPTY-NESTERS' CHRISTMAS DECISIONS: Luther, (Tim Allen, left) and Nora (Jamie Lee Curtis) discuss the options available to them as they contemplate spending their first Christmas without their daughter. *(Photo by Zade Rosenthal)*

So, for the balance of the movie, everybody in town takes turns trying to embarrass Luther and Nora into changing their minds. This includes not just friends, but local cops looking for a donation, and a parish priest offended by the idea of their patronizing a tanning salon. The picture's premise rests on the debatable notion that it is wrong to celebrate the season with anything other than the socially-sanctioned traditions.

For laughs, it resorts to slapstick and sight gags like Jamie Lee in an unflattering bikini and Tim trying to talk after Botox injections. The movie might have been more interesting if it had been presented as a social satire, questioning society's capitulation to consumption.

However, some predictable plot twists and sentimentality lead the Kranks back to their senses.

Poor (0 stars). Rated PG for language and suggestive material). Running time: 100 minutes. Distributor: Columbia Pictures.

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Alexander (R for violence, sexuality, and nudity). Three-time Academy Award-winner Oliver Stone directs this costume drama chronicling the life of Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.). Colin Farrell handles the title role as the young King of Macedonia who by the age of 25 had conquered 90 percent of the known world. Big name cast includes other Oscar-winners in Anthony Hopkins and Angelina Jolie, plus Rosario Dawson, Val Kilmer and Jared Leto.

Alfie (R for sex, expletives, and drug use). Remake of the 1966 classic replaces Michael Caine with Jude Law as the carefree playboy whose womanizing ways might come to an end after one of his girlfriends ends up pregnant. Cast includes Marisa Tomei, Susan Sarandon, and Nia Long.

Being Julia (R for sexuality). Romance drama, set in London in the 1930s, features Annette Bening as an aging stage actress who, at the height of her career, takes refuge from a stale marriage in an illicit love affair with an ardent American admirer half her age.

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R for sex and expletives). Renee Zellweger reprises her title role, and Hugh Grant returns too. The sequel, set four weeks later, has Bridget fretting about her new beau's (Colin Firth) close working relationship with his leggy assistant (Jacinda Barrett).

Christmas with the Kranks (PG for language and sexually suggestive material). Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis star in this Scrooge-themed comedy based *Skipping Christmas*, a holiday novel by John Grisham about a couple whose plans to ignore the holidays are disrupted by the unexpected arrival of their daughter (Julie Gonzalo). Supporting cast includes Dan Aykroyd, Jake Busey, Cheech and Tom Poston.

Finding Neverland (PG for adult themes and mild epithets). Johnny Depp stars as Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie in this family drama which speculates about what might have been the inspiration behind *Peter Pan*, his revered children's classic. With Kate Winslet, Vanessa Redgrave, Dustin Hoffman, and Julie Christie.

The Grudge (PG-13 for horror fare). Halloween horror film starring Sarah Michelle Gellar as a nurse working in Tokyo where a supernatural, easily-spread virus has been unleashed which sends its victims into an uncontrollable, fatal rage.

I Heart Huckabees (R for expletives and a sex scene). Introspective romantic comedy starring Lily Tomlin and Dustin Hoffman as a married couple who help an assortment of neurotics handle existential crises. Ensemble cast includes Jude Law, Naomi Watts, Mark Wahlberg, Isabelle Huppert, Jason Schwartzman, Tippi Hedren, and Shania Twain.

The Incredibles (PG for action violence). Disney animated, sci-fi adventure about a family of super-heroes, living secretly in suburbia under the Witness Protection Program, who come out of seclusion to save the world from a super-villain bent on world domination. Voices of CGI characters provided by Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, Craig T. Nelson, and Jason Lee.

Kinsey (R for sex content). Laura Linney and Liam Neeson star in this look at the life of Alfred Kinsey, Harvard-educated academic whose pioneering research in human sexual behavior in the late Forties opened up a whole new field of study.

The Motorcycle Diaries (R for profanity). Biopic based on the journals of Che Guevera, written in 1951-52, when the future leader of the Cuban Revolution was a carefree, 23 year-old medical student.

National Treasure (PG for violence and scary images). Disney kiddie adventure starring Nicholas Cage as an archeologist in search of a treasure chest buried by Founding Fathers George Wahington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson during the Revolutionary War. Includes Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, and Christopher Plummer.

The Polar Express (G). Animated adaptation of *Jumonji*, author Chris Van Allsburg's children's book about a boy who's belief in Santa Claus is rewarded by the arrival of a train to take him to the North Pole as proof. Tom Hanks stars, supplying the voice of a half-dozen characters including the boy, his father, the conductor, a hobo, Scrooge and St. Nick.

Ray (PG-13 for sex and adult themes). Jamie Foxx disappears into the title role in this biopic based on the life of legendary blues singer Ray Charles. With Regina King, Terrence Howard, Kerry Washington, Larenz Tate, and Aunjanue Ellis.

Seed of Chucky (R for sex, expletives, and violence). Brad Tourif (Chucky) and Jennifer Tilly (Tiffany) reprise their roles in the fifth installment of the horror comedy series. This sequel to *Bride of Chucky* introduces Glen (Billy Boyd), the demon offspring of the serial killer dolls.

Sideways (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Road film with Paul Giamatti as a recently-divorced writer who embarks on a weekend exploration of the California wine country with a washed-up actor friend (Thomas Haden Church) to soak their woes while reflecting on their failed relationships.

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (PG for crude humor). This adaptation of the popular Nickelodeon cartoon has its super-absorbent, super-hero (Tom Kenny) abandon the safety of Bikini Bottom to retrieve the stolen crown of King Neptune. With voicework supplied by Alec Baldwin, Jeffrey Tambor, James Earl Jones, Scarlett Johansson, and David Hasselhoff.

Vera Drake (R for adult themes). Feminist drama, set in England in the 1950s, about a well-meaning maid (Imelda Staunton) secretly moonlighting as an abortionist who finds herself under arrest when one of her clients develops serious complications after a procedure.

—Kam Williams

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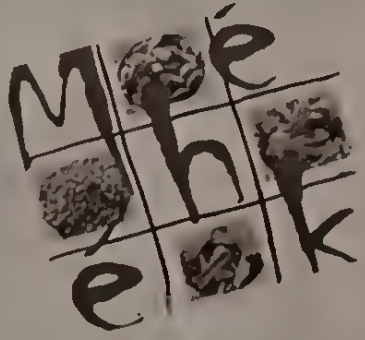

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A.R.T. Space Gallery To Host Public Reception

The A.R.T. Space Gallery at 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton will host a wine and cheese reception open to the public this Friday, November 26, from 1 to 9 p.m.

The A.R.T. program supports the abilities of children and young adults with severe physical challenges, said Tim Lefens, A.R.T. executive director, but he added that these challenges have not presented limitations for the artists' expressive ability. "This is not a disabilities show. It's serious art with a special freshness and directness."

Recipient of the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leadership Award, A.R.T's flagship studio program is allied with Princeton University, its studio located at 185 Nassau Street — home of the Princeton University department of creative arts. Additionally, the University will host a show of the A.R.T. artists work next May.

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Photography and Jazz Unite at Arts Council

The Arts Council of Princeton's WPA Gallery will host "Images of Jazz: The View Beyond the Music," an exhibit of photographs by H. Alonzo Jennings. The show features black and white photographs of jazz performers taken in clubs, concert halls, and festivals spanning 1976 through the present. There will be an opening reception for the show on December 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. This reception also will include a live reading by Jennings of his original poetry while accompanied by jazz guitarist Joe Steele. Following the reception will be a concert performed by a local ensemble, the Jazz Squad, upstairs in the Arts Council's Loft Studio. The public is encouraged to attend.

Jennings began his professional career in 1976 in Philadelphia. It was the death of jazz great Duke Ellington that inspired him to pursue his "photography project." He traveled to night clubs and concert halls all around the country in hopes of preserving what he saw as "the ending of an era, the transformation of a species from immortals to mortals." During his pursuit, Jennings was able to capture images of jazz legends such as Miles Davis, Sarah Vaughan, Dizzy Gillespie, and Jackie Mclean, along with emerging musicians like Nicholas Payton, Dianne Reeves, and Kurt Elling, in the process amassing a collection of photographs of over 200 individuals.

Having exhibited at the Walt Whitman Center in Camden, Burlington County College, and the Serengeti Plaines in Montclair, Jennings is also the author of This Wos Jozz, a book of photographs, poetry, and commentary inspired by jazz and the artistic process. He has also written four volumes of poetry, the most recent of which, On Echo, Joy and Encounters with God, focuses on the "ecstasy of poetry and the joy of being."

"Images of Jazz: The View Beyond the Music" will be on display through January 3. The Arts Council is located in the Paul Robeson Building on the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street in downtown Princeton. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Out of courtesy to neighbors, please do not park along the residential streets of the neighborhood. Additional parking is available in the nearby Spring Street and Palmer Square parking garages. For more information, call (609) 924-8777 or visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

"TEENAGERS": A new exhibit, "Teenagers and New Work," featuring the photographs of Bruce Winter Thurman will appear at the Anne Reid Art Gallery at Princeton Day School November 29 through December 5. There will be an opening reception on November 29 at 6 p.m. The Reid Gallery at PDS is located at 650 The Great Road. For more information, call (609) 924-6700, ext. 416.

CRAFT EXHIBIT AND SALE: The Montgomery Center for the Arts will hold its third annual exhibit and sale of contemporary crafts from November 27 through December 19. A public opening reception will be held on opening day, November 27, between 2 and 5 p.m. The Center is located in the 1860 House, 124 Montgomery Road in Skillman, New Jersey (right turn off Route 206 one half-mile north of the Route 518 intersection.) During the exhibition and sale, gallery hours will be Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-3272 or visit www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com.

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"SLOWING DOWN THE WORLD": This oil-on-canvas Jannick Wildberg piece is part of an exhibition currently on display at Small World Coffee in Princeton. The show, Wildberg said, will display "luminous abstraction and quietly radiant energy," and will do so through the show's closing on December 7. Small World Coffee, located at 14 Witherspoon Street, is open daily, 6:30 a.m to 10 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-4377.

Art, Jazz, and Blues Find Confluence in New Show

The Williams Gallery at 6 Olden Lane in Princeton has organized an exhibit that fuses two artists' work and music together for one comprehensive show.

The first artist, Faith Ringgold, is showing her limited edition serigraphs from her 2004 "Jazz" series. The creator of the 2004 National Black Arts Festival Collector's Guild commissioned print, Ringgold is known for her painted quilts and recently unveiled her "Wynton's Tune Jazz Festival Series 2004."

Second is Curlee Raven Holton. A selection of etchings from his "Blues Book" was recently acquired by the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and the Williams Gallery will be showing a sample of that collection, along with selections from *We Are...*, a new, original hand-bound book with images by Holton and poetry by Ysaye M. Barnwell.

Holton and Ringgold have been working together for the past 10 years. Some of their collaborative artistic efforts have been included in collections at the Metropolitan Museum and Yale University. Their works illustrate the black experience and often conveys an underlying educational theme.

The show will open this Saturday, November 27 and run through December 13. The show will be open to the public Saturday, November 27, 1 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, November 28, 1 to 4 p.m. After this weekend, gallery hours are by appointment only, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To arrange a time, call (609) 921-1142.

"FARMER, BOY, BUFFALO": I-Hsiung Ju, professor emeritus of Washington and Lee University, will be exhibiting 25 of his original Chinese brush paintings at his gallery at 35 Sycamore Place in Kingston from November 20 through December 20. Gallery hours are Sundays 1 to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Other hours are by appointment only. For more information, call (609) 430-1887, or e-mail ihsiung@hotmail.com.

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Art Museum, Area Students Celebrate Gift of Giving

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown has announced "The Gift of Giving *III*," an exhibition of two- and three-dimensional works created by students from New Hope-Solebury and Holicong Middle Schools in Bucks County that is currently on display through December 16 in the museums children's gallery. In this annual celebration of art and the holiday spirit of giving, the students' works are gift-wrapped at the end of the exhibition, delivered to Trinity Episcopal Church, and then distributed to area residents who are affected by HIV/AIDS.

The reception is free and open to the public.

Presenting sponsors for this exhibition are the Sigety Family Foundation and the Warwick Foundation. The Gift of Giving III was facilitated by a state issued grant and the Department of Community and Economic Development. Additional sponsorship and support is provided by the New Hope-Solebury Middle School; Holicong Middle School; The Robert Burton Education Fund of FACT; Breyer Studio; and Peace Meal.

The James A. Michener Art Museum is located at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free for members and children under six; general admission $6.50, student (with current ID) $4, senior citizens age 60 and older $6. For more information, call (215) 340-9800 or visit www.michenerartmuseum.org.

"DUST TO DUST": This Laurinda Stockwell photograph is part of a show currently on display at Gallery 31 at the corner of Route 31 and Hunt Place in Glen Gardner. "Not So Straight Photography" features works by six artists using processes that are either new or are not often used. For more information, call (908) 537-7044.

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Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

But many don't realize that the pawn can also act in a more mysterious way. For instance, when someone leaves a pawn unprotected, the opposite player must make an incredibly important decision. If he takes the pawn, what will happen next? If he doesn't capture, can he still improve his position in other ways?

I think that many players will admit that, unless they see a concrete continuation that is losing for them upon capturing the pawn, they will snatch the pawn and hang on to their material advantage with all they've got. And why shouldn't they think this way? An extra pawn will frequently decide a game.

In this week's featured game, black's demise was brought about by a certain greediness that led him to capturing a pawn that was not his to take. Although, if you were looking over his shoulder during the game (at move 22), it would be difficult to blame him: the pawn capture immediately attacks the white queen and removes a pawn that could become very strongly stationed at e4. One must weigh these circumstances against those that occurred in the game, however.

As I'm sure you will observe when playing through this fantastic attack by white, capturing the pawn on e3 gave white just enough time to get things going, and that was all she wrote for black.

—Chad Lieberman

Vesely, J. · Cerny, J.
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1.e4	c6
2.d4	d5
3.Nc3	dxe4
4.Nxe4	Nd7
5.Nf3	Ngf6
6.Nxf6+	Nxf6
7.Ne5	Be6
8.c3	g6
9.Bd3	Bg7
10.Qe2	Nd7
11.Bf4	Qa5
12.Nc4	Bxc4
13.Bxc4	0-0
14.Qxe7	Nb6
15.Bb3	Qf5
16.Be3	Rae8
17.Qh4	Qd3
18.Rd1	Qb5
19.Qg4	Bh6
20.Qe2	Bxe3
21.fxe3	Qg5
22.0-0	Rxe3
23.Qf2	Re7
24.Rde1	Rd7
25.Re8	Nd5
26.h4	Qh5
27.Re5	Qh6
28.Bxd5	cxd5
29.Qf6	Qg7
30.Qf3	Rfd8
31.Rfe1	Qf8
32.h5	Kg7
33.g4	Qd6
34.g5	a6
35.h6+	Kf8
36.Rxd5	Qxd5
37.Qf6	Kg8
38.Qg7#	

Solution:
1.Qxc8+ Nxc8
2.Rd8#

CLUBS

The Princeton chapter of the **Embroiderers' Guild of America** will meet on Sunday, December 5 at 6 p.m. at The Windrows at Princeton Forrestal for a holiday dinner and election of officers. Admission is $30 per person and guests are welcome.

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"Latin America: A Continent Apart?" will be the topic of a presentation by Jeremy Adelman, Ph.D. to **55PLUS** at the club's December 2 meeting at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Center of Princeton. Prof. Adelman heads the Princeton University Department of History and is an authority on Latin American affairs. His recent books include *Republic of Copitol: Buenos Aires ond the Legol Tronsformation of the Atlontic World*, and *Coloniol Legocies: The Problem of Persistence in Lotin Americon History.*

55PLUS was organized in 1986 as a non-sectarian group to promote social contacts and friendships among men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July, and August to discuss a wide range of topics with prominent speakers. It offers two investment groups, a mentoring group that works with Princeton High School students, and a computer group that helps familliarize members with personal computers and the Internet.

The **Princeton Scrabble Club** will meet at the Cafe at Borders Books & Music, Nassau Park, every Tuesday evening during January at 7 p.m. Guess are welcome; registration is not necessary.

BUGS BUNNY, WHERE ARE YOU?: Carrots were the veggie of choice for Alba Lucia Piraneque, Pablo, Esteban, Stephen (rear) and Leonardo Thomas last Saturday. They were taking advantage of The Watershed Organic Farm's "Pig Out Day," where members were encouraged to pick as many Thanksgiving vegetables as they wanted. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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8 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers; Suzanne Patterson Center.

8 p.m.: *Celodine*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

9 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Party; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, November 25
Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26

1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet's *The Nutcracker*; McCarter Theatre. Also Saturday at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m.

4:30 p.m.: Annual Christmas Tree Lighting; Palmer Square.

7 p.m.: Roxey Ballet, *The Nutcrocker* ; Villa Victoria Theater, Ewing. Also Saturday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: *A Compony of Woyward Saints*; The Hun School. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *Hot 'n' Cole — A Cole Porter Celebration*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

10:30 p.m.: These Crowded Streets; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, November 27

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: *Peter Pan*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.

1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet's *The Nutcracker*; McCarter Theatre. Also Sunday at 1 p.m.

2 and 8 p.m.: *Oliver!*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Sunday at 2 and 8 p.m.

10:30 p.m.: Aderbat rock band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Monday, November 29
Recycling Pickup

7 p.m.: Town Forum on Gang Awareness and Education; John Witherspoon Middle School Auditorium.

Tuesday, November 30

9 a.m.: Program on Independent School Kindergarten Options; Princeton Public Library.

6:30 p.m.: Joint Meeting of Borough Council and Township Committee; Borough Hall.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.: Seminar, "Financial Planning for Domestic Partners"; Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Road, Pennington.

7:30 p.m.: Adult Book Discussion, *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham; Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Rocky Hill.

8 p.m.: *Celadine*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

4 p.m.: Chess with Beth (children grades 2 through 8); Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Rocky Hill.

6 to 8:30 p.m.: Holiday Historic House Tour; Kuser Farm Mansion, Hamilton. Also Thursday through Saturday from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Jackie Mason; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Thursday at 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 2

4 p.m.: Talk, by composer Paul Lansky, *The Contexts of Musicol Technology*; Wolfensohn Hall, Institute for Advanced Study.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m. Theatre Intime's Student Playwrights' Festival; Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 3

4 p.m.: Talk, with composers Milton Babbitt and Andrew Imbrie; West Building Lecture Hall, Institute for Advanced Study.

7 p.m.: Book signing with illustrator Gennady Spirin; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair.

7 p.m.: *'Twos the Night Before Christmos*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

7 p.m.: Concert with Newark Boys Chorus; St. Anthony of Padua Church, Hightstown. Free.

8 p.m.: Steve Turre Jazz Quartet; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

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8 p.m.: *Hot 'n' Cole*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Pianist James Goldsworthy and soprano Judith Bettina; Wollensohn Hall, Institute for Advanced Study.

8 p.m.: *Cool Yule Jazz II*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: *Fiddler on the Roof*; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 4

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: *Bobes in Toyland*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.

Noon to 5 p.m.: Mill Hill House Tour Christmas Caroling, with Princeton Pro Musica; Mill Hill district, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Pianist Blair McMillen; Wollensohn Hall, Institute for Advanced Study.

8 p.m.: Boheme Opera New Jersey; St. Mark United Methodist Church, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: Westminster Concert Bell Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Also Sunday at 4 and 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, Nov. 24:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, Nov. 25:
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Friday, Nov. 26:
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Monday, Nov. 29:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, Nov. 30:
10:00 a.m. "Crime & Punishment"; SPB.
11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Renaissance of Europe (Italy); SC.
1:00 p.m. James Joyce "Ulysses"; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, Dec. 1:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

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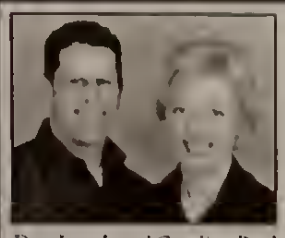

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Engagements

Nicholas Vanderpool and Emily Robbins

Robbins-Vanderpool. Emily Carol Robbins, daughter of Carol Robbins, recently of Princeton, and the late Herbert Robbins, to Nicholas Eugene Vanderpool, son of Catherine de Grazia Vanderpool of Princeton and Eugene Vanderpool of Boston, Mass.

Ms. Robbins, a graduate of Princeton High School, class of 1995, received a B.A. from Barnard College, Columbia University in 1999. She works as the education programs coordinator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Mr. Vanderpool, also a 1995 graduate of Princeton High School, received a B.A. from Boston University in 1999. He does freelance work in film and television production in New York City.

The couple met in algebra class during their freshman year at Princeton High School in 1991. They began dating in the spring of 2000.

The wedding will be held at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City in June.

Glam-Arts Boutique at Princeton Junior School

Princeton Junior School will be presenting its first annual Glam-Arts Boutique on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held at the School, which is on Fackler Road in Lawrenceville, the event will showcase handcrafted jewelry, evening bags, and other "wearable arts."

"An annual boutique is the perfect fundraiser for our school," according to Elizabeth Lugar, who conceived the idea and co-chairs the event. "I was inspired by how many individuals within our school community ... make jewelry or know someone who does."

"It's conscientious Christmas shopping," says co-chair Kookie Johnson, herself a jewelry designer. "The buyer gets a great price by buying direct, local artisans are being promoted, and the school benefits from a portion of the funds."

For those shopping for a good investment in precious gems and custom-designed settings, Ms. Johnson mentioned the Diamond Exchange, which is owned and operated by Hector Olaya, a PJS parent. A PJS neighbor, the Willow Co., will exhibit a variety of stylish "must-have" pieces, such as a bejeweled dragonfly pin. PJS alumnus Katrina Carter will display her designs.

Several other Princeton-area artists will showcase their creations, among them Elizabeth Haines of Pennington (necklaces, earrings, and bracelets); Sloan Shavel and Trudy Sugiura Borentein (both make 18kt gold jewelry); Dodi Designs, and Kooka Jewelry (semiprecious stones and metals).

According to co-chair Cindy Besselaar, a collage artist who helped create the concept for the show, "We wanted to project a glamorous image onto the handcrafted arts. The term Glam-Arts is a play on the Beaux-Arts movement and lets people know that we're not selling tea cozies."

For more information, contact Ms. Johnson at (609) 466-0901 or Ms. Lugar at (609) 921-1312. To learn more about Princeton Junior School, call (609) 924-8126.

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GETTING IN GEAR: Children from N.O.W. Day Nursery School visited the Hook & Ladder Company on Wednesday, November 17. Children were instructed on basic fire safety and then were able to take turns as drivers. Pictured driving is Samuel Brennan, with Christian Williams, waiting his turn at the wheel.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

Fire Wire

The Princeton Fire Department reports the following activity for the week ending on Sunday, November 21:

The department responded to 14 calls since November 15. Fire and carbon monoxide alarms were set off from renovation work from construction companies and malfunctioning systems from residences, schools and businesses on Nassau Street, at the YMCA, Princeton House, Castle Howard Court, Frederick Court, Andrews Lane, Riverside Drive, and the Hun School.

On Monday, Special Services 62 and Squirt 63 responded with the First Aid and Rescue Squad to a Hamilton Avenue residence for a gas leak with a report of a female resident unconscious in the home. Fire department personnel assisted the squad in removing the victim and ventilated the structure.

Special Services 62 responded to a motor vehicle accident on Tuesday, November 16, when crews assisted the squad and applied absorbent to fluids that had leaked onto the roadway.

Shortly after responding to Princeton House for a malfunctioning fire alarm last Tuesday evening, crews were dispatched again to that location for a small fire after a patient set his own jacket ablaze. Staff at the facility were able to extinguish the jacket and department's services were not needed.

On Wednesday, November 17, Fire Rescue 61 and Squirt 63 responded to a natural gas leak at a residence on Pine Street. PSE&G arrived quickly and the scene was turned over to their care.

Thursday morning, crews responded to a report of burning debris falling from a truck on Route 206. After a short search, a small piece of smoldering cardboard was located and Squirt 63 wet down the area to prevent spread of the fire.

At approximately 6 a.m. on Saturday morning, Engine 61 responded to Foulet Drive for a brush fire. A pile of leaves approximately 3 feet x 15 feet was found smoldering. The area was wet down to prevent it from reigniting.

On Sunday evening, Tower 62, Engine 62, and Squirt 63 responded to a Maclean Circle residence for a fire in a bedroom that was extinguished by the residents. A candle ignited paper in a waste basket. The homeowner used a store-bought dry chemical fire extinguisher to smother the blaze before it could spread.

The Princeton fire Department is an all-volunteer organization and is always looking for new volunteers. Those interested should call (609) 497-7646, or (609) 731-1314.

Fact of the Week:

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS: "pull" the pin, hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism; "aim" low, point the extinguisher at the base of the fire; "squeeze" the lever slowly and evenly; and "Sweep" the nozzle from side-to-side.

For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle; choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory; and read the instructions that come with it and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.

RESCUE REPORT

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad reports the following activity for the week ending on Friday, November 19:

The squad responded to 41 calls last week. Of these, 17 were in Princeton Township, 23 were in Princeton Borough, and one was in Lawrence Township. Included in these numbers were 10 calls to Princeton University.

On Tuesday, November 16, at 1:20 p.m., the squad was dispatched to Community Park South for three unconscious people believed to be under the influence of alcohol. Through the efforts of the squad and Princeton Township Police, two patients regained consciousness. Two ambulances transported all three patients to the hospital.

Later Tuesday, at 4 p.m., three SUVs collided on the Washington Road bridge. A total of five people were injured in the rear-end chain-reaction collision. All five patients, including a mother and her two children, were taken by two squad ambulances to the hospital.

On Wednesday, November 17, the squad was dispatched to three, nearly simultaneous, calls. Four minutes after one ambulance went to Lawrence Township for a "man down," a second call came in for a patient having chest pain in Princeton Township. Shortly afterward, the squad was dispatched for another medical emergency on the opposite side of town. The squad's three ambulances responded to these emergencies and transported the patients to the hospital.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to providing professional emergency and technical rescue services to the Princeton community. For information on how to donate time, services and money, call (609) 924-3338, or visit www.pfars.org.

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Tiger Women's Soccer Tops Boston College As Magical Ride Reaches NCAA's Elite Eight

Although the Princeton University women's soccer team lost all four of its games on its preseason excursion to Germany this past August, senior midfielder Tina Fontanez sensed that something special was brewing.

"The German trip was such a bonding experience," recalled Fontanez. "We learned to play together. We really came together as a team."

Even Fontanez, though, couldn't quite imagine how far the Tigers would come as she basked in the glow of Princeton's 2-0 win over visiting Boston College last Saturday in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 round.

"I'm elated, I'm shocked," said a jubilant Fontanez as the raucous post-game celebration of the 1,822 fans packing Lourie-Love Field swirled around her.

"At the same time, I knew we would get this far. We knew it would take a lot of hard work tonight. They didn't make it easy for us but we never gave up. We had so much heart, I'm so proud of all of these girls."

The win over the Eagles advanced seventh-seeded Princeton to the NCAA Elite Eight for the first time in program history. The Tigers, now 18-2, will try to keep their magical run alive this Friday when they host 15th-seeded Washington.

EAGLE EYE: Princeton University senior midfielder Tina Fontanez passes the ball in the Tigers' 2-0 victory over Boston College last Saturday in the NCAA Sweet 16 round. Fontanez contributed an assist on the second goal in the Tigers' win over the Eagles. Seventh-seeded Princeton, now 18-2, hosts Washington this Friday in the NCAA Elite Eight *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

For the first 45 minutes last Saturday, it looked like midnight was about to strike for the Tigers. Dominating play, Princeton outshot Boston College 6-2 but squandered several golden opportunities.

In the opening stages of the second half, the tension mounted as the Tigers kept misfiring. But 81:48 into the contest, Princeton junior star Emily Behncke blasted a pass from Diana Matheson past the Boston College goalkeeper to break the ice.

Less than two minutes later, Fontanez threaded a pass to Behncke and the All-Ivy striker found the back of the net to put the game out of reach.

Fontanez, and her senior classmates have felt a special sense of urgency since they came back from Germany to start regular season play.

"We knew this was the year, we've been waiting four years for this," said the Poughkeepsie, N.Y. native who is one of 10 seniors on the Princeton roster.

"Last year, everyone felt that we underachieved. We knew we had a lot more potential, a lot more to give. The seniors knew that this was the end and that we've got to put everything out there every game."

Princeton head coach Julie Shackford has been amazed at how much her players gave her in overcoming the challenge presented by Boston College.

"I'm kind of speechless," asserted Shackford with a broad grin as she reflected on her club's historic triumph. "Going into the half, I thought the game was really tight. I thought we broke away from them in the second half. I thought the second half was one of the best halves we've had all season in terms of moving the ball and getting chances."

TWICE AS NICE: Princeton University women's soccer star Emily Behncke celebrates after one of her two goals in the Tigers' 2-0 win over Boston College last Saturday in the NCAA Sweet 16 round. The seventh-seeded Tigers host Washington on November 26 in the NCAA quarterfinals. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

The coach was not surprised at how Behncke cashed in the chances she got in the second half.

"I thought they outphysicalled Emily a bit in the first half," explained Shackford of her striker who now has 12 goals on the season.

"In the second half she got herself in position to break away and that's when she's at her best. Anytime she's in front of the goal, she's going to finish."

Fontanez' strong finish to her Princeton career has also impressed Shackford. "The last three weeks, Tina has been awesome," said Shackford of the speedy senior who has three goals this season and has now scored 17 in her Tiger career.

"She has really started to peak. Obviously, she's creating chances. She's working both sides of the ball. I give her a lot of credit, she wasn't having her best season but she has really picked it up."

Shackford made it clear that she is proud of how her team has peaked when it has counted most. "Obviously the program has come a long way but this could be a once in a lifetime thing," conceded Shackford, who is in her 10th season guiding the Tigers and now has a 152-51-10 overall mark in her Princeton tenure.

"Everything has come together. We've been going since August and you know there are going to be lulls but there haven't been any. I don't think the program will necessarily get this far every year. This is a special year. We've got to ride this as long as we can."

Fontanez believes that the team's ride could go all the way to Cary, North Carolina, the site of the national title game on December 5.

"Every game gets better and better," asserted Fontanez. "We learn each other better, we fight harder. We're getting closer and closer to our goal. The goal has always been to go all the way."

No matter how the season ends up, the Tigers have certainly come a long way from their winless trip in Germany.

—Bill Alden

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Former Hun School Star Savage Fitting In with Tiger Men's Hoops

FEELING RIGHT AT HOME: Princeton University freshman forward Noah Savage fires a pass in a recent practice session. Savage, a Princeton native and former Hun School standout, is averaging 4.7 points per game in his debut season for Princeton. Savage has started all three games for the 1-2 Tigers, who play at Lafayette on November 27. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Last year at this time, Noah Savage was honing his basketball skills in the Hun School gym as the Raiders got ready to open their season against Redemption Christian.

This past Monday evening, Savage was thousands of miles away from New Jersey as he scored 12 points for the Princeton University men's basketball team in its 64-59 loss to Wyoming in double overtime.

For Savage, the leap from high school hoops to the next level has gone as smoothly as one could expect. "Offensively, I'm doing well," said Savage, who is averaging 4.7 points a game for 1-2 Princeton which plays at Lafayette on November 27. "Defensively, I'm not doing so well but I'm getting better everyday."

The 6'5, 215-pound Savage said that Princeton's fiery new head coach, Joe Scott, has helped hasten his progress.

"I love Coach Scott, he's the most intense guy I've ever been around," said Savage, a Princeton native who decided years ago that his goal was to stay home for his college career.

"You always have to be alert and playing all the time. You slip on one play and you're going to be in a lot of trouble. You don't get any plays off."

So far, Savage is clearly on Scott's good side. "Noah is a little more physically advanced than the freshmen we normally get here," said Scott tn assessing Savage's early progress.

"I think he's a little tougher. He can shoot, he can score inside. He's mentally advanced. His Achilles heel is defense, but welcome to college basketball, no freshman knows how to play defense."

The quick bond that Savage developed with fellow freshmen Matt Sargeant and Kyle Koncz as well as his older teammates has eased his transition to the Princeton program.

"I was working with Matt and Kyle all summer, they were here tn town," said Savage, who played many a pickup game at Jadwin Gym while he was putting together his 1,000-point high school career. "Those are my boys now. The whole team is really close. It's a real good group of guys. I like everybody personally."

Savage believes that his time at Hun helped prepare him well for what he is facing as he tries to make an impact for the Tigers.

"It has helped a lot basketball-wise," said Savage, referring to his time at Hun under the tutelage of head coach Jon Stone, a devotee of the Princeton-style of patient offense. "I felt like it really prepared me. A lot of things we did in high school are similar to what we do here."

Savage, though, acknowledges that his off-court transition to the academic load at Princeton has been challenging.

"It's pretty tough, they design the school for the person who is not an athlete and has time to live in the library," explained Savage.

"That part has been a bigger adjustment than basketball. You're not in class as much but you have so much work. You have to figure out when you're going to get the time to do everything."

When it comes to his on-court education, Savage is focused on doing everything asked of him by his coaches. "I'm going to try to work hard and do what the coaches say," said Savage, who has started all three of Princeton's games and played 24 minutes a game.

"If I do that, I'll be alright. That's all I'm thinking about. I don't have any individual goals. If the coaches are happy, that means I'm doing something right. If not, then I've got to work on something."

Based on the work ethic Savage has demonstrated so far, Princeton's coaches should end up being pretty happy with their hometown product.

—Bill Alden

SHOOTING STAR: Noah Savage lofts a three-point attempt last season as he helped lead the Hun School basketball team to the state Prep A semifinals. Savage, who scored more than 1,000 points in his high school career which saw him play for Princeton High before transferring to Hun, has taken his skills across town to the Princeton University men's basketball program.

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Tiger Football Finally Catches a Break As It Tops Dartmouth in Season Finale

TOP TEN LIST: Princeton senior running back Jon Veach bulls through a Dartmouth tackler last Saturday in Princeton's 17-10 win over the Big Green in the season finale. Veach rushed for 35 yards against Dartmouth to push his career total to 1,713, the tenth most in program history. The Tigers finished with an overall record of 5-5 and 3-4 in Ivy League play, leaving them in a three-way tie with Brown and Yale at fourth in the league standings. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

When it comes to fantastic finishes, the Princeton University football team has recently found itself on the wrong end of the late drama.

Earlier this fall, the Tigers suffered one-point losses to Cornell and Penn on successive Saturdays, making them the first Ivy League team to drop back-to-back one-point games in 42 years. A missed extra point kept Princeton from forcing overtime against Cornell while a missed field goal prevented the Tigers from topping Penn.

In 2003, Princeton lost three times on the last play of the game as it went 2-8. In dropping those heartbreakers to Columbia, Harvard, and Yale, the Tigers fell prey to a Hail Mary touchdown pass against the Lions, missed a kick that could have beaten the Crimson in regulation, and lost a fumble in overtime against the Bulldogs.

Last Saturday, however, the bounces finally went Princeton's way in dramatic fashion. Locked in a 10-10 tie with visiting Dartmouth with 5:28 left in the contest, the Tigers lined up for a 42-yard field goal attempt. The Big Green crashed through the line and blocked the kick.

Tiger holder Colin McDonough picked up the rebound and seemed headed for a rough landing on the turf. Then, seemingly out of nowhere, Tiger lineman James Williams snatched the ball away from McDonough and bolted 24 yards for a touchdown to give Princeton the margin of victory as it held on for a 17-10 win before 13,852 at Princeton Stadium.

Afterward, Princeton head coach Roger Hughes was happy to accept the gift that fell his club's way. "Obviously it was a crazy game," said Hughes, whose club finished 5-5 overall and 3-4 in Ivy League play, placing it in a three-way tie with Brown and Yale at fourth in the league standings.

"I've been preaching to the kids the last two or three years about just keep playing hard and good things are going to happen and we got a break. I'm very proud of their effort. Obviously, it's a great way to finish the season."

Williams, for his part, still seemed dazed as he tried to sort out what happened in the instant before he took off on his run to glory.

"I saw the field goal get blocked and the next thing I knew Colin McDonough is running up inside of me with the ball," said Williams. "I figured I'd try to push him ahead for a first down. Two Dartmouth guys hit him and I thought I'll just step in here and see if I can get the ball. He said he gave it to me but I think I took it."

Princeton's seniors, in particular, hit the field Saturday determined to take a win and end their careers on a high note. "I wanted to go out there and play my butt off and do anything I could to get a win for the team," said senior star linebacker Zak Keasey, who finished the day with a career-high 22 tackles.

"I wanted to end my career on a high note and the defense wanted to show that we could play a complete game. I think we were pretty close to that today. The guys up front played hard and that helped me to be able to make all the plays that I did."

The defense did dominate early as Princeton held Dartmouth to a first-half field goal and 117 yards of total offense in taking a 10-3 lead at the half. The Big Green did break through in the third quarter when they put together a 69 yard scoring march that ended with a 22-yard touchdown pass from Charles Rittgers to Andrew Hall.

After Williams' heroics, the Princeton defense dodged a bullet as it turned away Dartmouth after Big Green receivers dropped balls in the end zone.

Keasey and the Princeton defense saved their best for last as they picked up three sacks in four plays on Dartmouth's last possession of the game. "I was just trying to fire everybody up," said Keasey recalling that last series in which he and classmates Peter Kelly and Chris Browne recorded the sacks. "It was our game to win. The guys were really fired and up and we really got after them."

For Keasey, ending his career in that fashion was particularly sweet since he missed last season after he was ruled academically ineligible to play. "I was happy to come back," said Keasey, who plans to take a shot at pro football.

"I was a little worried that I'd get a little rusty. It took a couple of games to get things turned on. I felt like I didn't miss a beat. I tried to savor every play, you never know when it's going to be your last."

The 6'0, 240-pound native of Clarkston, Mich, acknowledged that he didn't savor every moment this fall as Princeton went from a 4-1 start to its final mark of 5-5.

"I think we are better than our record shows," asserted Keasey, an All-Ivy selection as a sophomore who will undoubtedly earn that recognition this fall as well.

"We lost three or four games by a handful of points. It was a tough season; we could've done a lot better. I'm happy with the way the guys responded after the losses and the work ethic shown by this team."

Hughes, for his part, agreed that Keasey and his classmates had added a new diligence to the program. "The seniors have established a good work ethic and a new culture around the team," explained Hughes, whose club wasn't dazzling last Saturday as it was outgained by 263 yards to 228 by 1-9 Dartmouth and turned the ball over four times.

"The kids are holding themselves more accountable. I think that's why we got off to such a good start. We played three almost perfect games this year, we won two and lost one. I think we weren't even close to that last year."

Last Saturday, however, Hughes was perfectly content with his team being more lucky than good.

—Bill Alden

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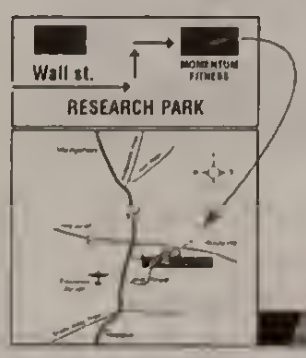

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Cowher Shows Competitive Fire In Sparking Tiger Women's Hoops

Meagan Cowher didn't have to go far as a child to learn about competitiveness.

As the daughter of Bill Cowher, the Pittsburgh Steelers head coach known for his square jaw and fiery nature, the younger Cowher got a daily seminar on what it takes to be a winner.

After putting together a stellar high school basketball career at Fox Chapel High which saw her score 1,438 points and grab 602 rebounds, Cowher has brought her talents and desire to the Princeton University women's basketball program.

In making her college debut last Friday as the Tigers hosted Monmouth, Cowher didn't waste any time in showing her special competitive fire.

The willowy 6'1 forward scored 10 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to help Princeton fight back from a late deficit to win 57-52 in overtime.

For Cowher, the night signified the culmination of years of a dream. "Earlier in the day when I allowed myself to think about it, I realized that this is what I've worked for since I was a little girl in middle school," said Cowher in reflecting on her debut. "I've always wanted to play Division I basketball at a school like this, it was really exciting to go out tonight and actually do it."

And it was made even more exciting by the Tigers' rousing rally which saw them claw back from a 42-35 deficit with less than four minutes remaining in regulation. Princeton forced overtime when Katy O'Brien nailed a long three-pointer from the corner with less than two seconds remaining.

Contributing five points and two rebounds in the waning moments of regulation and overtime, Cowher played a major role in Princeton's rally.

"Coach [Barron] told us before the game to make tonight what you pictured Princeton basketball to be," recalled Cowher. "I don't think it could have played out any better. It was really exciting."

Cowher fit right in with a team that was determined to start the season on a high note as it aims to rebound from the frustration of the 7-20 record (4-10 Ivy League) the program posted last season.

"The great thing about this team is that everybody refused to give up," added Cowher, who earned the Ivy League Rookie of the Week award for her performance last Friday. "There was never the look in the girls' eyes when they have thrown in the towel. Everyone refused to lose and found a way to win."

While Cowher admits that her father has had a major influence on her athletic career, she said it his her mother, Kaye, that is the driving force behind her basketball excellence.

"My father has been very good, he's obviously very competitive," explained Cowher, whose mother was a basketball star at N.C. State and later played in a women's pro league. "He's not been the most influential person, it's been my mom. He's stepped back and let her take over the basketball part."

Princeton head coach Barron was proud of the way his club took over last Friday in crunch time. "It's a whole lot better to win ugly than to lose pretty," said a relieved Barron, whose club shot 35.2 percent from the field and 46.4 percent from the foul line.

"We got down seven points with four minutes to go in a game where no one was scoring points. The seven points seemed like an insurmountable lead. We didn't quit, I'm so proud of their effort and grittiness."

Cowher's debut also impressed her coach. "Meg has to work on her shot selection and figure out where she is going to score in our offense," said Barron, who also got good minutes Friday from his other freshmen, Ali Prichard and Ariel Rogers. "You can just tell athletically that she's at another level."

Barron hopes that starting the season with a come-from-behind win will help his club reach a higher level of success. "Our defense was good for the most part and we got some clutch rebounds," said Barron who got a team high 17 points and six rebounds from sophomore star Katy Digovich.

"Last year we averaged 19-20 turnovers a game and tonight we had 14 in an overtime game. They were taking better care of the ball. What a gritty win, I was so proud of their character."

Cowher, for her part, believes that the win could help the team develop a winning chemistry. "I heard that in the last couple of years, players here have come to accept losing," said Cowher. "This year we've decided that's not going to happen. Starting with a win like this where we showed a lot of character is a big positive."

Based on her upbringing, it's no surprise that Cowher refused to accept anything less than victory in her college debut.

—Bill Alden

THREE'S COMPANY: Princeton junior point guard Katy O'Brien, left, is all smiles as she poses with her fellow co-captains, Casey Lockwood, center, and Ali Smith at the basketball program's recent media day. Last Friday, O'Brien showed her leadership as she hit a last-second three-pointer to force overtime in Princeton's season opener against visiting Monmouth. The Tigers went on to win 57-52 in overtime to get their 2004-05 season off on a high note. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

O'Brien Relishing Leadership Role For Princeton Women's Basketball

Katy O'Brien may be only a junior but she feels more than qualified to take a major leadership role this winter for the Princeton University women's basketball team.

"Being a point guard, I'm expected to know the offense and lead people in that way," said O'Brien, who was elected as a team captain along with classmate Ali Smith and sophomore Casey Lockwood.

"I'm very excited to be elected as a captain. Going into the process, it was important to have someone who was going to be a leader on the floor and off the floor. I know the drill with coach [Richard] Barron, I know how to handle what he says. I can tell the freshmen, don't worry, he's not really as mad as he seems."

O'Brien gave tangible evidence of her on-court leadership last Friday as she canned a last-second three-pointer from deep in the corner against Monmouth to tie the game at 45-45 in regulation and force overtime. O'Brien ended the night with five points, seven assists, and three steals as Princeton prevailed 57-52 in the first overtime to earn a win in the season opener for both teams.

Princeton coach Barron appreciated the way O'Brien took charge down the stretch last Friday. "Katy O'Brien's shot was phenomenal," said Barron in assessing O'Brien's dramatic shot. "She wasn't even part of the play we had drawn up but she recognized that her defender wasn't guarding her. She made an amazing play on her own."

After enduring a frustrating season last winter which saw Princeton go 7-20 overall and 4-10 in Ivy League play, O'Brien is doing her best to instill a new culture among her teammates.

"I'm getting to the gym at 3 p.m. for the the 3:15 practice and I'm not alone when I'm here early," said the 5'6 native of Ventura, Calif., who nailed a team-high 61 three-pointers last season on her way to averaging 9.1 points a game.

"Everyone is down here early, getting stretched out and ready to go. We're getting more practice time. We're practicing close to three hours a day. People want to be here. From when I started as a freshman, the whole dynamic of the team has changed. Everybody is enjoying themselves and I think that is very important."

O'Brien noted that the team's practices have been fine-tuned this season. "We've been working a lot more on shooting drills in practice," explained O'Brien, who will look to keep the Tigers on the winning track over the Thanksgiving break when they play at Wake Forest on November 26 and at Georgia Tech on November 28.

"We're doing drills that have us shooting in our offense in game situations. We're also doing agility workouts which are more geared towards basketball-related skills than running on the track like we were doing before. I feel sharper, you can see the direct relationship between the drills and what you do on the court.

With the Tigers' bevy of talented young players, O'Brien is hoping that diligence will translate into a winning campaign. "We were young last year and we are still young this year," said the genial O'Brien with a laugh.

"The frustrating thing last year was all those games where we came so close to winning. I have confidence that those games are going to go our way this year. It's going to be because of all the work we have put in. I'm excited, we have a very dynamic team."

And it helps to have a dynamic leader like O'Brien running the show from the point.

—Bill Alden

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Tiger Women's Ice Hockey Blanks Mercyhurst

Junior goalie Roxanne Gaudiel came up big as the Princeton University women's ice hockey team blanked Mercyhurst 1-0 last Sunday.

Gaudiel made 34 saves and co-captain Heather Jackson scored the lone goal as the eighth-ranked Tigers improved to 4-3-1 on the season.

Princeton has home games against Yale on November 24 and Connecticut on November 27 and 28.

Freshmen Excel In Debut For Women's Swimming

Freshmen Ellen Gray and Lisa Hamming made impressive debuts last weekend in leading the Princeton University women's swimming team to a sweep of Penn and Cornell last Friday.

Gray won the 1000 freestyle in 10:22.38 while Hamming took the 200 free in 1:S4.30 and the 200 individual medley in 2:07.11. The Tigers are next in action when they host the Princeton Invitational from December 3-5.

Tiger Women's Squash Starts with 4-0 Weekend

Starting its season in style, the Princeton University women's squash team blanked Cornell 9-0 last Sunday to complete a perfect 4-0 weekend.

Earlier in the weekend, the Tigers prevailed in matches against Franklin & Marshall, Haverford, and Virginia.

In the sweep of the Big Red, No. 1 player Claire Rein-Weston led the way as she topped Marin Barnes 9-3, 9-3, 9-0. The Tigers play at Brown on December 4.

Tigers' Spicer Named Ivy Player of the Year

Darren Spicer's break-out season has resulted in the Princeton University junior being named the Ivy League men's soccer Player of the Year.

Spicer, who started all 17 games as a junior, led the Ivy League in both points (25) and goals (12). In the 4-1 win over Wofford, Spicer netted three of the goals.

In addition to Spicer, seven other Tigers received All-Ivy recognition. Senior Ryan Rich earned All-Ivy second team while honorable mention accolades were accorded to seniors Doug Hare and Erik White, juniors Neil Chaudhuri, Adrian Melville, and Ben Young and sophomore Jame Wunsch. Princeton finished the season with an 8-S-4 overall record and 3-2-2 in the league.

BOARD PATROL: Princeton University men's hockey defenseman Luc Paquin, right, fights for the puck in Princeton's 3-2 win over Rensselaer last Saturday. Patrick Neundorfer's third period goal gave the Tigers the win. Dustin Sproat and Neil Stevenson-Moore scored Princeton's other goals in the win as the Tigers improved to 3-4-1 overall and 3-3 in ECAC Hockey League play. Sophomore goalie B.J. Sklapsky made 18 saves in recording his first career win. The win moved Princeton into a tie for third in the ECACHL with Colgate and Dartmouth. In upcoming action, Princeton plays at Yale on November 27. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

IN THE RED: Princeton University senior women's volleyball star Ashley Weber, right, directs the ball away from a Cornell player in the Tigers' loss to the Big Red earlier this month. Closing the season on a hot streak, the Tigers finished 10-4 in Ivy League play, ending up in a four-way tie for the league title with Harvard, Cornell, and Yale. Last Saturday, the Tigers fell 3-0 to the Big Red in the Ivy League playoff to determine the league's representative for the upcoming NCAA Tournament. The Tigers finished the season with an overall record of 19-8. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Tiger Men's Swimming Gets Off to Hot Start

The Princeton University men's swimming team got its season off to a hot start as it beat Cornell and Penn last Friday in Philadelphia to open Ivy League competition.

Justin Chiles had a big night for the Tigers as he won both the 100 freestyle (4S.98) and the 200 free (1:40.88). Other winners for Princeton included Meir Hasbani In the 200 individual medley (1:S3.83) and Mike Zee in the 200 backstroke (1:51.24).

Two days later, Princeton continued its strong start as it cruised past Rutgers 202-98. The Tigers are next in action when they host the Princeton Invitational from December 3-S.

Princeton Hockey Stars Help U.S. Women Take 2nd

Princeton University women's ice hockey sophomore star Liz Keady and recent graduates Andrea Kilbourne and Gretchen Anderson played for the U.S. Women's National Select team at the 2004 Four Nations Cup earlier this month in Lake Placid, N.Y. and Burlington, Vt.

Keady led the three with a pair of goals as the U.S. went 2-1-1 and claimed a silver medal in the tournament. Kilbourne added a goal for the U.S. and Anderson posted an assist on one of Keady's goals. All four Princeton points came in the team's opening win over Finland. The U.S. proceeded to tie Canada and defeat Sweden before falling to Canada 2-1 in the championship game.

Tiger Women's Runners 18th at NCAA Meet

Led by a 20th-place finish from junior standout Cack Ferrell, the Princeton University women's cross country team finished in 18th place at the NCAA Division I Women's Cross Country Championship last Monday at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind.

Ferrell's time of 20:S7 was just 30 seconds behind the second-place time of Colorado's Renee Metevier. She was one of just 25 runners to finish the 6,000-meter course in less than 21 minutes. Meredith Lambert also produced a strong performance for the Tigers finishing 61st overall In a time of 21:33.

Colorado won the team title by an impressive margin over second-place Duke. Providence's Kim Smith was the individual winner, finishing the course in 20:09 for an 18-second victory.

Three other Tiger runners finished in a tight pack to score for Princeton. Mia Swenson was 145th in 22:21, Carrie Strickland was just two seconds behind that in 1S3rd and Suzanne Andrews was just eight seconds behind Strickland in 166th.

Tiger Men's Squash Falls Despite El Halaby's Win

Princeton University junior men's squash star Yasser El Halaby opened his 2004-05 campaign with a solid win but it wasn't enough as the Tigers fell 6-3 to Cornell last Sunday.

El Halaby, the two-time defending national champion, beat Cornell's Matt Serediak 9-5, 9-4, 9-3 at the No. 1 position. The other victories for the injury-depleted Tigers came from Tom McKay and Tim Callahan at the No. 7 and No. 8 spots.

Princeton is next in action when it plays at Brown on December 4.

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CLAWING BACK: Princeton High defenders corral a WW/P-N runner in action earlier this fall. The Little Tigers' aggressive defense helped PHS go 5-5 this season, a marked improvement on the 2-8 record the program posted in 2003.

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PHS Football Accelerated Rebuilding As Skilled Offense Led to 5-5 Mark

When it comes to his plans for rebuilding the Princeton High football program, Steve Everette is well ahead of schedule.

Taking over a program that went winless in 2001, Everette led PHS to one win in 2002 and doubled the win total a season later.

This fall, the Little Tigers accelerated their improvement as they went 5-5 and came within a win of making their first appearance in the state playoffs since 1994.

The upbeat Everette acknowledges that even he is a bit surprised by how far the program has come in the last three seasons.

"I told John Curtis [former athletic director] when I took the job that I would need five years to win five games," said Everette in reflecting on the 2004 season. "We definitely got better. We had a shot at making the playoffs with two weeks left in the season."

In Everette's view, the crucial factor in the Little Tigers' solid season was the performance of senior quarterback Vinny Giacalone. The strong-armed 6'3 Giacalone passed for more than 1,700 yards and 16 touchdowns this fall.

"The development of the quarterback was key," asserted Everette, whose club ended its season on a down note as it fell 39-13 to Nottingham last Saturday.

"Vinny ended up with the best passing numbers in the CVC. We were much better offensively because of the things he could do. We had the ball more and that helped our defense as well."

Giacalone's success in the air stretched out defenses, allowing the Little Tigers' ground game some daylight. "Between Alexz Henriques and Mike Vieten, we had a 1000-yard rusher," said Everette, noting that sophomore Henriques rushed for more than 750 yards while Vieten totalled about 370 yards. "We split their carries down the middle. The development of our offense caught people off-guard."

While PHS may have snuck up on some of its opponents, Everette knew that his seniors had gone beyond the call of duty in their efforts to improve the program's fortunes.

"Each class lends something to the foundation of the program," explained Everette, whose senior group included Will Borchert, D.J Boyer, Henry Powell, T.R. Johnson, and Vance Slocum in addition to Giacalone and Vieten.

"These kids have been with me the longest. They did everything I asked and more. They made the younger kids feel welcome; they helped create a family atmosphere around the program."

The younger players have quite a task ahead of them as they look to build on what PHS achieved this fall. "Each class wants to do better than the last," said Everette.

"They have some work to do to match what the seniors did this year. We have to find a way to stop the turnovers. We will have to replace some key players on the line. It's going to be tough to replace Vieten and his 90 tackles at linebacker."

Before Everette dwells on the challenges ahead, he is savoring the progress the PHS program made this fall on the scoreboard and in how it's perceived by its foes.

"It was great to start the season 2-0, particularly with the way we won those games," said Everette, whose club opened the season by crushing Allentown 41-12 and then edging WW/P-S 20-14 in overtime.

"Beating Trenton to keep our playoff hopes alive was a big highlight. We changed the impression of the team and the view of how important football is around here."

—Bill Alden

RARE AIR: Princeton High quarterback Vinny Giacalone gets off a pass despite the efforts of a WW/P-N defender. Giacalone passed for more than 1,700 yards and 16 touchdowns as he helped spark PHS to a 5-5 record, the school's first non-losing season since the mid-1990s.

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Until recently, "whistleblower" suits were considered a rare occurrence, especially in relation to the number of discrimination suits filed. However, both proposed and recent amendments to New Jersey law may change this. Essentially, a "blows the whistle" on illegal or unethical corporate conduct.

The Conscientious Employee Protection Act (CEPA) is New Jersey's whistleblower statute. The statute makes it unlawful for employers to take adverse employment action against employees who disclose, object to, or refuse to participate in certain actions that the employees reasonably believe are either illegal or in violation of public policy.

Relying on statistics from the Office of Administrative Courts, the New Jersey Law Journal reported recently that state whistleblower suits had more than doubled since 2001. From June 30, 2003 through June 30, 2004, 275 CEPA claims have been filed which is a 102% increase from 2001. By contrast, civil filings have increased only 24% over the same period.

The New Jersey Senate has passed a bill recently (S-1886) that enhances the rights and remedies of employees who disclose or refuse to participate in fraudulent employer practices pursuant to CEPA. The bill removes CEPA from New Jersey's Punitive Damages Act, which previously imposed a cap on punitive damages. In CEPA actions, the cap was calculated as the greater of $350,000 or five times compensatory damages. If the bill is passed in its present form, there is no statutory limit on punitive damages for CEPA actions pursuant to state law.

The bill now allows judges or juries to consider (in addition to compensatory damages) "the amount of damages caused to shareholders, investors, clients, patients, customers, employees, former employees, retirees or pensioners of the employer, or to the public or any governmental entity, by activities, policies or practices of the employer which the employee disclosed, threatened to disclose, provided testimony regarding, objected to, or refused to participate in."

The bill directs judges to order the following relief "where appropriate and to the fullest extent possible": (1) an injunction restraining employers against any violation of the act; (2) the reinstatement of the employee to the "same position held before the retaliatory action, or to an equivalent position"; (3) reinstatement of full fringe benefits and seniority rights; (4) compensation for "all" lost wages, benefits and other remuneration; and (5) reasonable costs and attorney's fees. Finally, the bill also increases the amount of civil fines against employers.

Furthermore, employers must put their employees on notice of their respective CEPA rights. In September, Governor McGreevey signed legislation that requires New Jersey employers to annually notify their employees of their rights under CEPA. The amendment requires companies employing ten or more people to distribute an annual notice to all New Jersey employees explaining the employees' "protections, obligations, rights and procedures" under CEPA. This notice can be distributed in an electronic or written format. The amendment requires that the notice be set forth in English, Spanish and any other language spoken by a majority of employees, the latter at the discretion of the employer.

Stark & Stark's Employment Law Department can help employers develop employment policies that satisfy CEPA's new requirements. If you would like to obtain more information on the recent pending amendment to CEPA or assistance in preparing employment policies, please contact Michael Osborne.

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Failing to Defend MCT, Sectional Crowns, PHS Boys' Soccer Aims to Regain its Edge

Entering this fall, the players on the Princeton High boys' soccer team were keenly aware that they had big shoes to fill.

The 2003 edition of the Little Tigers put together one of the greatest seasons in program history, going 15-6-1 and winning the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) and the Central Jersey Group III crowns in the process.

Producing an encore of that magical ride proved to be too much for the Little Tigers as they finished 2004 with an 8-7-2 mark.

In assessing his team's uneven performance this fall, PHS head coach Wayne Sutcliffe acknowledged that his club was hampered by last year's success.

"I think there was a lot of pressure on the team, first and foremost because of what we did last year," said Sutcliffe. "This year, the players always felt that they had to match what we did last year."

In the middle of the season, the Little Tigers appeared to be putting together a late surge as they won five games in a row with victories over such formidable foes as Hopewell Valley, Moorestown, and WW/P-N.

But when it came to crunch time and this year's MCT and state tourney, the Little Tigers faltered, going 1-4-1 in their last six games.

The team's season-ending 2-1 overtime loss to Neptune in the state tourney epitomized the inconsistency that plagued PHS down the stretch. After falling behind 1-0, PHS knotted the game on a dramatic last-second goal by Dion Previtt. In the overtime, however, the Little Tigers surrendered a goal on a header to end their season.

"We showed a lot of character in that game," said Sutcliffe, recalling his club's season finale. "We fought hard to tie it, we never gave up. But we didn't play with enough defensive focus. They scored on the same kind of ball in overtime that they did in regulation. They served the ball into the box and headed it in. We had talked about that play specifically."

Sutcliffe, though, had no qualms about the focus shown by senior leaders Kevin Wagner and Graham MacDonald. "I can't say enough about Kevin and all that he gave to the program over his four years," asserted Sutcliffe.

"In that Neptune game he left everything on the field. He came into the game banged up and he was exhausted by the overtime. He is a great kid and I'm really proud of what he did. Graham was all about giving everything he could and everything was for the team. Those are two guys who have been great to coach."

Sutcliffe also appreciated the efforts put forth by senior midfielder Carlos Espichan and senior striker Previtt. "Carlos was bothered by some injuries but he did have some games where he played to his level," maintained Sutcliffe.

"He was named as the Colonial Valley Conference midfielder of the year by the CVC coaches. He gave us some flair. Dion gave us so many big goals over the years."

Looking ahead to next season, Sutcliffe is hoping his players will show the commitment necessary to attain big goals. "They didn't have a good taste in their mouth, I hope they come back hungry to play for titles," said Sutcliffe, who is looking for big things from his group of rising seniors which includes Karl Fries, Jason Kanoff, Kyle Kohler, Alex Johnson, and the Callahan twins, Matthew and Peter.

"Next year we should be technically proficient and tactically sound. But we need to be more businesslike. We need to be physically and psychologically tougher."

—Bill Alden

NO MIDDLE GROUND: Princeton High senior star Carlos Espichan, left, fights through the pain of a broken left arm and a Lawrence defender in late-season action. The gritty, skilled Espichan was chosen as the CVC Midfielder of the Year by the conference's coaches. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

SPECIAL SERVICE: Princeton High junior Jason Kanoff prepares to serve the ball down the field in late-season action. The Little Tigers finished with an 8-7-2 record as they failed to defend the Mercer County and Central Jersey Group III crowns they won in 2003. Kanoff should play a key role next fall as PHS looks to get back into the title hunt. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Hun Football's Championship Season Resulted From a Six-Year Progression

For most of the fall, the Hun School football team made things look easy.

As the Raiders cruised to an 8-1 mark and earned the program's first-ever Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title, they won most of their games by comfortable, double-digit margins.

But Hun head coach Dave Dudeck will tell you that his team's 2004 title campaign was the culmination of years of toil.

"This is not something that just happened, it was an evolving process," said Dudeck, who had guided the team to a 7-2 mark in 2003 and a 6-3 mark in 2002.

"When we got here as a staff six years ago, the goal was to first become competitive in the MAPL. Once we did that, then we started thinking about winning the league. The guys from that first year and the ones that came after them all have a part of this."

In achieving the MAPL crown by going an unblemished 5-0 in league play, Hun demonstrated a special blend of ability and commitment.

"We had a tremendous mix of talent and motivation," explained Dudeck. "Each one of these kids was highly motivated to succeed. I'm so excited about what happened this fall. It was fun to coach them."

For Dudeck, it was fun to see his defensive unit progress into a dominant force. "We were real, real aggressive and fast," said Dudeck, in assessing his defense which posted a shutout against archrival Lawrenceville in a 10-0 victory and gave up just six points in its win over Western Reserve (42-6) and seven points a game in its triumphs over Hiff (26-7), Mercersburg (41-7), and Blair (21-7).

"We didn't change our scheme or anything like that. We just had enough talent to be real active. We were able to blitz more. The defense set us apart."

Another factor that set Hun apart was the addition of the gifted Myron Rolle, a junior transfer from the Peddie School.

"Myron is so very talented," said Dudeck of the 6'3, 210-pound gamebreaker who rushed for a school-record 1,501 yards and averaged more than 10 yards a carry.

"He was another piece of the puzzle for us. He carried the ball for us on offense. On defense, he allowed us to blitz. He did different things for us on defense and the other teams always had to account for him."

In Dudeck's view, however, it was the way that Rolle bought into the team-first approach that made him particularly valuable.

"We preach team to them all year and getting everyone to relish their role so we can be successful," said Dudeck, noting that Rolle will be one of the most highly sought-after recruits next fall by college football powers. "Myron was more into the team than his individual accomplishments. It was his first championship and that's what he wanted."

That MAPL crown was also the overriding goal for Hun's seniors, who were determined to win the title after falling just short the last two seasons.

"We are losing some great seniors," said Dudeck, whose Class of 2005 included quarterback Dom Natale, lineman Patrick Gallagher, linebacker Wellington Talkpa, tight end Richard Weidel, and running back Dean Petrone. "It's sad to see them go. They worked real hard to get the title. All of those kids will do well in college."

Dudeck, for his part, knows that his team can't get carried away with its success this fall if it wants to do as well next year.

"They want to win another MAPL," said Dudeck, whose team finished the season with a six-game winning streak.

"I'm thrilled inside but I want to stay humble on the outside. I appreciate the talent we had and how hard the kids worked. We just had to guide everybody and we will do that again next year."

—Bill Alden

FINDING DAYLIGHT: Hun School running back Jas Lee Rouson runs to daylight in the Raiders' 10-0 win over Lawrenceville in early October. Rouson, the son of former N.Y. Giants running back Lee Rouson, rushed for 430 yards this season to help Hun finish 8-1 and win the program's first-ever Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

COOL DUDE: Hun School football head coach Dave Dudeck makes a point during his team's 10-0 win over Lawrenceville in early October. Dudeck's sixth season at the helm of the Hun program was memorable as he guided the Raiders to an 8-1 record and its first-ever Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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With Sharper Focus on the Basics, PDS Football Doubled Its Win Total

In doubling its win total this fall from a year ago, the Princeton Day School football relied on the basics.

"We had better blocking and tackling this year," said Devlin, whose team went 4-4 this fall after going 2-7 in 2003. "That was the biggest improvement. The guys were just hitting people."

The team's focus on fundamentals helped it overcome a tough start which saw the Panthers get out of the gate this fall with a 27-21 loss to Morrisville and a 9-7 defeat to Dwight Englewood.

Rebounding from those narrow setbacks, PDS caught fire as it won four straight, outscoring its foes 111-0 in that sizzling stretch. The Panthers came back to earth a bit in their last two games as they fell to Calvary Christian and Pennington to wind up the season.

While Devlin was disappointed by ending the season with two losses, he was happy with his team's overaff performance.

"We were outmatched the last two games," acknowledged Devlin. "They had bigger, stronger kids and that's the truth. I think that from where we started when we lost those first two games by eight points, we made great progress."

Devlin credits his group of seniors with helping spark the team's improvement. The Panthers' senior leaders incfuded linemen Andrew Hendrickson, Gyan Kapur, Jared Makrancey, and Avery Fox.

"This is the group I came in with when I started with the team as an assistant coach," said Devfin, who has now completed two seasons as the PDS head coach. "Those kids are special to me. I've seen them grow up from babies to men. When they saw the young kids that we had on the team this year, they knew we were going to be good soon. They pointed us in the right direction."

The Panthers' younger players traveled in the right direction this season. Freshmen played a key role in the offense with Clint O'Brien starring at quarterback and Mike Shimkin and Andrew Ojeda making strides at running back.

PDS also boasted a solid group of juniors this fall, led by linebacker/running back Dave Blitzer, running back Alex Kowalski, noseguard Craig Knowlton, and wide receiver Mike Rappaport.

The underclassmen's contribution was reflected in the team's final statistics. O'Brien passed for eight touchdowns and ran for nine. Shimkin led the team in rushing with 612 yards and scored six touchdowns while Kowalski chipped in 555 yards on the ground. Rappaport was the squad's leading receiver with 19 catches for 440 yards. Blitzer was the most prolific defender, contributing 60 tackles and seven bfocked kicks.

INSIDE SLANT: Princeton Day School freshman running back Mike Shimkin, center, fights for some inside yardage in action earlier this season. Shimkin's toughness helped him rush for a team-high 612 yards in his debut season.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Devlin believes his young, skilfed players have scratched the surface of their potential. "We told Clint, Mike, and Andrew that we could live with their mistakes as freshmen," added Devlin. "They can't make those mistakes as sophomores. I think they have learned from what happened this year. I think Clint has a big future. He's 6'2, 180 pounds; he's a competitor and he's poised."

The program's improvement this fall has Devlin and players looking forward to 2005. "They are excited about next year and so am I," said Devlin. "I'd like to see us get stronger and faster. It all starts in the weightroom. Hopefufly, we'll be stronger and better next year."

—Bitl Alden

DOUBLE PLAY: Princeton Day School football head coach Bruce Devlin imparts some strategic advice to one of his players in action earlier this fall. With a mix of solid veterans and precocious freshmen, Devlin guided PDS to a 4-4 mark, doubling the program's win total from the 2-7 mark posted in 2003.

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Princeton Travel Soccer Recent Results

The Princeton Soccer Association's Under-11 Princeton Paws girls' travel team ended their season in style by defeating Delran 3-0 last Saturday.

The victory lifted the Paws to a final record of 6-2-2 which left them tied for first place in their division. Mollie O'Kane, Katie Killeen, and Janie Smukler each scored for Princeton.

Katie Reilly, Kelsi Smith, and Shelby Yvon sparkled in the midfield while the defense was led by Mason O'Brien, Jordan Schwartz, Colleen Baker, Marisa Edwards, and Roni Nagle. In goal, Keely Herring and Mia Haughton combined for the shutout, with Haughton making several outstanding saves in the waning moments of the contest.

The Bengals, a Princeton Soccer Association U-12 girls' team, fell 2-1 to the Rolling Hills Mustangs last weekend. Allison Reilly scored the lone goal for the Bengals. Alison Salazar starred on defense for the Bengals while Taylor Laub and Alison Frieder produced strong performances in the midfield.

PSA Travel Soccer Has Some Openings

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) has limited openings in its travel program.

Immediate openings are available in the Under-10 boys' program (birthdates between August 1, 1994 and July 31, 1995) and for the U-12/13 boys' team (birthdates from August 1, 1991 to July 31, 1993). For further information, e-mail the PSA at Princetonsoccer@comcast.net.

In addition, the Princeton Arsenal, a U-15 boys' premier club (birthdates from August 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990) coached by Ken Miranda has an opening for an experienced goalie. For additional information, contact Eileen Greb by phone at 609-443-9384 or via e-mail at Emg1202@aol.com.

Princeton Youth Travel Basketball Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-12 girls' travel basketball team improved to 3-0 with a 21-9 win over Allentown in Trenton PAL league action last weekend.

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ANSWER: Certainly, we all have a lot on our plates, but getting lost in a negative forest of cynicism is not going to help. Here are a few thoughts:

1. **Focus on the Positives:** All too often the intrusive, in-your-face negatives of life cloud our vision. While we should face problems squarely, there is little to be gained by dwelling on them. Instead, we need to not magnify the negatives, but see them in the light of countless positives that we all too often take for granted. Below are but a few.
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   a. **Health:** You had the flu. But, you have recovered. Aching and coughing are replaced with ease of movement and the ability to take a deep breath. Even in the midst of the flu, you read a book, watched TV, took a nap, and warmed yourself with a hot cup of tea and a fuzzy blanket.

   b. **Caring vs. Terrorism:** While the terrorists challenged our ability to feel safe, our government has taken steps to protect us when we are on a plane or at work. And, born from the hatred of the terrorists has been a reawakened sense of love for each other, changing us from a "ME" to a "WE" society where heroes big and small emerge to challenge the notion that no one really cares.

   c. **Spouse:** While you would like to punch a terrorist in the nose, you cannot. Hence, we tend to displace our frustration and anger onto those closest to us. Instead, talk out your feelings vs. biting the hand that feeds you. Realize how lucky you are to have a wife who loves you, realizing that while she may have a few weaknesses, her strengths are far greater, and, after all, you are no Prince either.

   d. **Senses:** How fortunate you are to be able to see a sunset, listen to a concert, smell flowers, taste a turkey dinner, and feel the warmth of a hot shower.

   e. **Intellect:** Imagine not being able to go to school, read a magazine, talk with a friend, or creatively solve an annoying problem.

   f. **Will:** You can love and be loved, the caring of wife, kids and friends making up for an army of bad breaks.

   g. **God:** You are so loved by God that he was born in a manger instead of a palace, grew up as a carpenter in Nazareth vs. a Prince in Jerusalem, and died naked on a cross for your sins vs. surrounded by his family and friends at his bedside.

   h. **Salvation:** The result of God's love is your salvation. We would jump for joy if a doctor could extend our lives by 10 years. How about eternity!

So, there is plenty for which to give thanks. Dust off your bifocals, kiss your wife, bend your knee in church, and see the treasures that surround you every day of your life, even in the midst of all our troubles.

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OBITUARIES

John R. O'Neill

John R. "Jack" O'Neill, 71, of Princeton, died November 11 at home.

Born in Princeton, he was a lifelong area resident.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a Special Officer with the Princeton Borough Police Department and for 43 years a supervisor of parking operations with the Borough. An avid Princeton University sports fan, he also served as a guard and usher at Palmer Stadium for many years.

He was an important influence to Princeton youths for his knowledge of baseball and ability to coach players. He coached Princeton YMCA youth baseball, PBA youth baseball, PYBA youth baseball, and Princeton Recreation Center softball. He also coached the first all-girl little league baseball in Princeton.

He was a member of Princeton American Legion Post No. 76, a 33-year member of the Princeton Hook and Ladder Fire Company, and a member of St. Paul's Church.

Son of the late John A. and Sarah M. Rogers O'Neill, and brother of the late Margaret O'Neill, he is survived by his wife of 48 years, Elizabeth ("Betty"); two sons, Stephen of Blawenburg and Bruce of Lawrenceville; a twin brother, Donald of Midland, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was November 23 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. It was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul's Church. Burial was in the family plot in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540; or to Twin W First Aid Squad, P.O. Box 385, West Windsor 08550.

Linda E. M. Olson

Linda Emma Marie Olson, 91, of Boulder, Colo., died November 15 at the Hospice-Care Center of Boulder and Broomfield Counties in Louisville, Colo. She had been a Princeton resident before moving to Boulder in 1998.

Born in Bronx, New York, the daughter of Ferdinand and Emma Martha Heine, she was a graduate of Wadleigh High School in New York City.

She was a retired secretary for the Princeton University Mathematics Department.

Before moving to Colorado she was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Predeceased by her husband, Carl V. Olson, in 1993, she is survived by two sons, Bruce of Reston, Va., and Clint of Louisville, Colo.; a daughter, Freya Olson of Erie, Colo.; a sister, Agnes Jiggins of Delray Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service will be announced at a later date, and will be held at Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Golden West Foundation, 1055 Adams Circle, Boulder, Colo. 80303.

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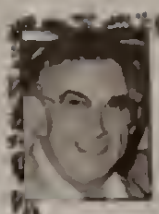

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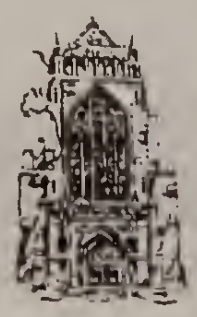

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Obituaries

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Giuseppina Tamasi

Giuseppina Tamasi, 95, of Princeton, died November 18 at home.

Born in Pettoranello, Italy, she had lived in Princeton since 1949.

She is survived by two daughters, Filomena Carnevale of Princeton and Bambina Carnevale of Lambertville; five grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 22 at St. Paul's Church. Entombment was in the family mausoleum in Princeton Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Kimble Funeral Home.

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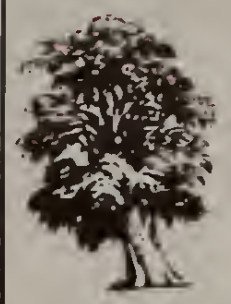

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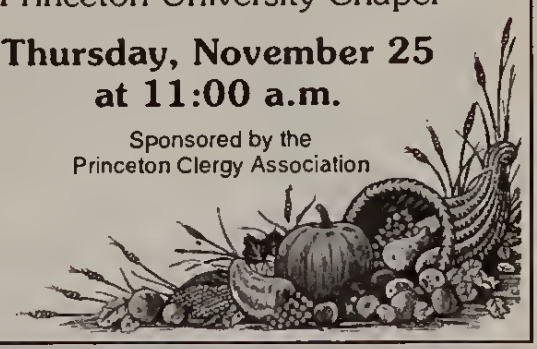

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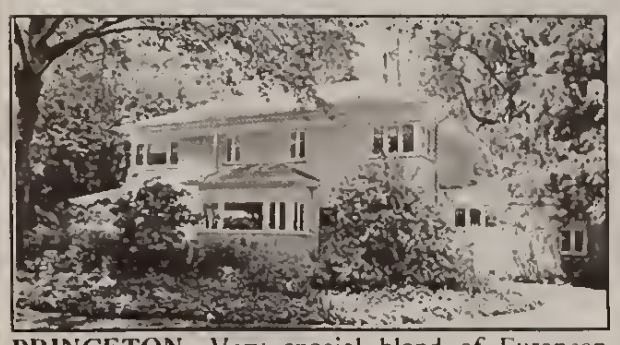

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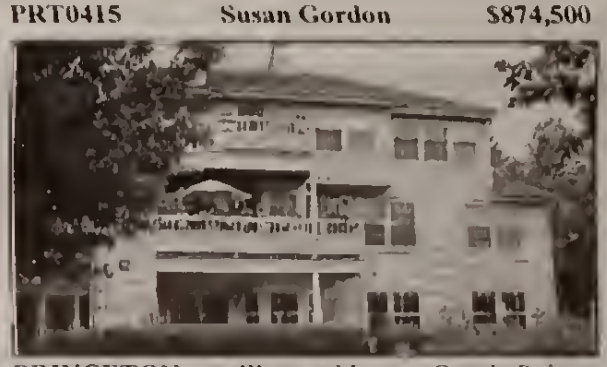

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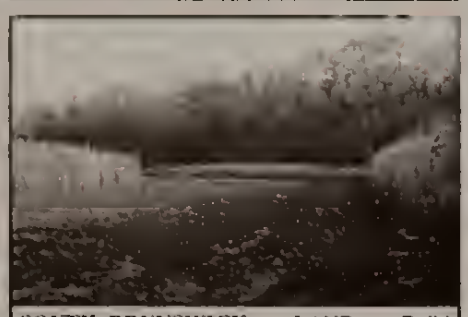

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In Colonial America, a candle in the window was used to honor dignitaries, announce births, and generally celebrate. Every Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg, window candles illuminate each window of the houses and businesses in that community to commemorate an old-fashioned Christmas.

Today, window candles, most often electrified now, are being used to support family and friends who are serving overseas in the military.

In this, the darkest time of the year, light takes on even more meaning. Outdoor holiday displays on trees and rooftops, extra candles inside, a fire in the fireplace, Christmas tree lights, Hanukkah candles, all help to dispel the darkness and celebrate the hope of new beginnings.

Earliest Times

From earliest times, torches, fires, beacon lights, and lamps accompanied joyous occasions and festivities. In ancient Rome, amidst the exuberant merry-making of the Saturnalia, the revelers attached candles to trees and lit fires to represent the new solar year.

The Persians marked the winter solstice by a great feast, kindling fires to Mithra, their God of Light.

In Europe, pagan Teutonic tribes honored their god Woden by elaborate festivals and feasts during the yuletide season, the time of the rebirth of the sun.

Over the centuries, many of the pagan customs were incorporated into religious celebrations and always, light has remained an important focus.

Hanukkah, which begins its celebration this year the evening of December 7, is known as the Festival of Lights in the Jewish faith. Candles are lighted for eight days, commemorating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 B.C. According to tradition, only a one-day supply of oil for the temple's eternal light could be found for the rededication, but that small quantity burned miraculously for eight days.

In remembrance, families light the candles in a special candelabra or menorah on eight consecutive days. A blessing is said each night as the candles are lighted.

Festive Occasion

Hanukkah is a festive occasion, with special foods traditionally cooked with oil, songs, and gift-giving.

A Princeton resident recalls the enjoyment of seeing the candles lighted each night when she was a child. "We looked forward to each night, and especially, as more and more candles were lit, to see them glowing during the darker time of the year."

This year, a special menorah will be lit in the Hulfish Plaza in Palmer Square at a celebration on December 9 at 5 p.m. The Sheket Children's Choir will perform.

Another Festival of Lights takes place in India and is known as Diwali. Celebrated for four days in the beginning of November, it commemorates Lord Rama's release from exile 5,000 years ago. He was then welcomed by his people, who burned lights throughout the land.

Also, because the festival coordinates with the harvest, people traditionally cook special dishes.

Many Indian people, who now live in the U.S., continue to celebrate Diwali, explains a West Windsor resident, formerly from India.

"On the day of Diwali, we wake up at 3 a.m. and dress in our nicest and most colorful saris and outfits. By 7 a.m., we will visit our friends and go to different houses and eat, and then others will visit us at our home.

"Everyone decorates with lights outside their house by using dyia or small earthen vessels, containing churned butter for oil, and a wick to light them. The lights are seen all over, and they are beautiful.

"We also use a special colorful powder — rangoli — to make drawings and designs of animals and lotus flowers on our front door. The festival is for the family, and it is the

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HOLIDAY CIRCUS: This display of festive circus ornaments is new this year at Ambleside Gardens & Nursery in Belle Mead. A "circus" tree, featuring similar ornaments, is one of 16 theme trees in the Christmas Shop. Ranging from Victorian to Irish to Woodland to an "Imperial" tree, decorated with elegant balls and birds, reminiscent of trees from Czarist Russia, they are indeed a holiday vision. Fun new "Christmas Krinkle" ornaments depict fanciful camels, ostriches, and chickens, decked out in feathers and finery. Ambleside's famous nativity collection offers creches from more than 30 countries, and authentic German nutcrackers and smokers are also available. Gorgeous copies of the famous Faberge eggs from the Forbes Collection are on display, as are handsome outdoor/indoor iron lanterns in black and verdigris. A full selection of fresh cut Christmas trees and live balled-in-burlap trees are available, as are plain and custom decorated balsam and noble fir wreathes made to order.

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most popular holiday in India."

Blazing Candles

Because of its Hindu origin, the observance also includes prayers to the Goddesses of Fortune and Knowledge. In addition, according to legend, since a wicked demon was slain by Lord Rama, the celebration connotes the triumph of good over evil.

Saint Lucia, the Queen of Lights, is the center of another traditional festival observed in Sweden on December 13. In the early hours of that day, a young girl (often the youngest in the family), dressed in a white gown and wearing a red sash and crown of lingonberry twigs and blazing candles wakes the family with a tray of coffee and saffron rolls.

The origin of the celebration dates to the time of the Vikings, who are said to have brought it to Sweden from Italy. The legend focuses on Lucia, an Italian saint, who brought food to the Christians hiding in the Catacombs of Rome at the time of Christian persecution.

In Sweden, Saint Lucia symbolizes "light" brought to the people during a time of the year when the days are especially short.

"When Lucia comes, the people know that Christmas is almost here," says a Princeton resident who was born and brought up in Sweden. "Throughout the month of December, there are burning candles everywhere!"

Every village in Sweden has its own Lucia, and girls are chosen in schools, communities, and companies to represent the saint. Celebrations include songs and performances.

The tradition has been brought to the U.S. by Swedish people now living here, and it is widely observed and enjoyed. The custom has come to Princeton, and a few years ago, took an unexpected turn, reports a representative of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

"A student at the Seminary dressed as St. Lucia, and with her crown of lighted candles entered the administration building, serving cakes and coffee to the people there. Suddenly, the heat of the candles set off the smoke detectors, and this lovely scene was brought to an abrupt close!"

First Fruits

Today, when children portray Lucia, the lighted candles are replaced with electrified versions.

A more recently-established festival, which also emphasizes lights, is Kwanzaa. Celebrated from December 26 through January 1, it is neither political or religious, but a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture. Kwanzaa means "first fruits of the harvest", and focuses on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement.

It includes gift-giving, a special feast, and the lighting of seven candles, reflecting the seven principles which are the foundation of Kwanzaa. The kinara, with its lighted candles, is a major focus during the celebration.

In the Christian community, light has a central place. Light is an important symbol

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throughout the Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments. For Christians, Jesus Christ is the "Light of the World", and this belief is reflected in church doctrine and celebration. Of course, Christmas is full of light.

It was the light of the "Star in the East" that led the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child. Many of the traditional Christmas carols include references to light, such as "The everlasting light", "perfect light", "great light," etc.

Christmas Eve candlelight services are a special moment for many church-goers, and Advent candles and wreaths are another important tradition.

Advent begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas and is observed in many churches. The Advent wreath contains four candles, which are lighted each succeeding Sunday, with a fifth often added on Christmas Day.

A Princeton neighbor recalls the meaning of the lighting of the Advent candles for her family. "It is very much a part of Christmas preparation both in churches and in homes. With each week, the light from the candles grows brighter, and we always look forward to this."

Christmas Eve

Another Christian tradition is the star, again a symbol of light. It is frequently seen on top of Christmas trees and also in windows, on rooftops, and even hill- and mountaintops.

Nowhere is this more striking than in Bethlehem, Pa., a town which was established by Moravian Church missionaries on Christmas Eve in 1741. Lights and music are the heart of the town's Christmas celebration, including candles in windows, meant to welcome the Christ Child, who according to Moravian tradition, wanders the earth on Christmas Eve.

Numerous Advent stars decorate the town, and the most spectacular sight is the nearly 100-foot-tall "Star of Bethlehem", which shines down from the top of a nearby mountain.

Lighted holiday displays, always a prominent part of the Christmas celebration, have become even more prevalent in recent years.

The Christmas tree, long ago decorated with strings of popcorn and lighted candles, is now often ablaze with lights of all shapes, colors and sizes. After Thomas Edison's invention, there was no stopping people — the possibilities, both indoors and outdoors, were limitless!

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Pageant of Peace

In 1954, President Eisenhower expanded the ceremony of lighting the nation's Christmas tree, and invited delegates from 27 foreign embassies to take part in a "Pageant of Peace".

Today, the lighting of the Christmas tree at the White House is a major event, witnessed by many in person and shown on television around the world.

Probably no Christmas tree is more famous than the huge Norway spruce in New York City's Rockefeller Center. Lighted each year with more than 25,000 thousand brilliant colored lights, it is one of the most visited attractions in the city. A special entry, festooned with golden angels with trumpets, leads the way from Fifth Avenue to the enormous tree erected above the popular skating rink. One's breath is literally taken away by this splendid spectacle.

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Seasonal Lights

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Indoor Christmas trees are probably the best-loved holiday tradition of all, and lights are an essential. Over the years, the lights have changed in style, size, and shape. Among the most popular, from the mid-1940s through the '50s were the colorful "bubble" lights, in which a liquid within a glass vial was caused to bubble by the heat of the bulb.

Today, tiny clear lights are often favored, but there are styles for everyone, from the twinkling on-and-off models to the larger globes and icicle- or candle-shaped bulbs in all colors.

Tree Branches

Arranging the lights is a big part of preparing the tree for trimming. People approach this task with differing degrees of precision, and for some, it is done with pain-staking and time-consuming concentration.

In one Princeton family, the job is done by the oldest son, who conscientiously places all the strings of lights on the floor. He then checks to make sure they all light before carefully nestling them within the tree branches, so that they appear to be a natural part of the tree. Then, he flicks the switch, and proudly admires his achievement.

One of the best moments, says his mother, is late Christmas Eve, when the presents have been wrapped, the tree has been decorated, and the family sits down together by the fireplace. All the lights in the room are turned off except those on the tree, and the glow from the fire and the tree lights is a special Christmas moment.

A new way to enjoy a fireside ambiance is the log candelabra. Three or four round candles are placed in a log, which sits in the fireplace.

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This is a way to appreciate the fireplace without actually lighting a wood fire.

In another Princeton family, the youngest daughter was the fighting expert. "From the time she was 10, she had her own tree in her room, which she decorated, including the lights," reports her mother.

"When she was older, she put up lights all around her window. She loved lights everywhere, and helped me decorate with them all over the house.

Tree Lighting

"When my mother was ill and in the hospital during the holidays, my daughter insisted on taking a tree with lights to her room. She said 'Grandma can't be without Christmas, and I'll do the lights!"

Another friend tells an engaging tree-lighting story. When she was a child, a Jewish woman had a Christmas tree, trimmed with blue and white lights. She married a Christian man, and their tree had blue, white, red, and green lights. And when the couple had children, who were brought up in the Jewish faith, they continued the tradition of the four-colored tree.

A neighbor tells yet another tale of a Princeton tree, which has a story perhaps not known by many in town.

"Driving down Bayard lane, from early December to mid-January, one is very much aware of a sparkling fir tree in front of the Lewis School. Covered with more than 100,000 white lights, The Tree of Light shines in the darkness as a symbol of hope and encouragement for persons with learning differences everywhere.

"The Tree of Light had its origin in the early 1970s when a small group of high school students from the then Lewis Clinic untwisted strings of tiny white tree lights, and decorated Marsha Lewis's tree in front of her home on Hodge Road as a class project.

"Neighbors were impressed by its beauty and requested the help of the students to decorate other trees on the street. This project spread from home to school, and in 1974, the school's first Tree of Light was displayed in front of the first Lewis Clinic, then located in the Woodrow Wilson Building on John Street. 10,000 tiny hand-wired globes shone radiantly in the dark, the result of two months of diligent, painstaking work and perseverance.

Tree of Light

"Since that time," she continues, "the Lewis School has moved to Bayard Lane, and the tree has grown in magnitude. But the original theme for the creation of this special tree remains. It is more than a holiday tree, even though it appears at Christmas time.

"The Tree of Light," says Ms. Lewis, founder of the Lewis School, "symbolizes the great gifts and possibilities of people struggling everywhere with language-based learning disabilities; people whose talent, potential, and uniqueness have never been discovered for want of appropriate educational tools and enlightenment."

"Each light on the tree represents one of the 30 million persons with learning differences. The tree will be lighted on December 10th at a celebration in the school yard at 53 Bayard Lane, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A concert and open house will be free to the public, followed by a presentation by noted speaker Caroline Janover."

Outdoor lighting displays abound throughout the country and each region has its own specialty. An Arizona friend, formerly of New Jersey, combines the best of the east and the west in her creative designs.

"We put up tiny lights on the roof, around the doors and windows, as well as three six-foot tall reindeer and two baby reindeer in the yard. They are lighted in white, but one reindeer had a red nose!

"In addition, we put lights on our citrus trees, which a lot of people do in the southwest to protect them when the tem-

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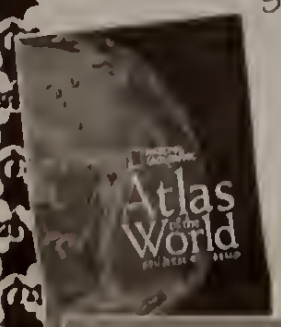

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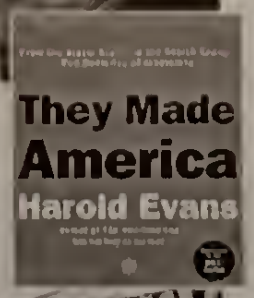

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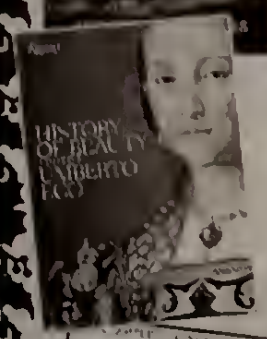

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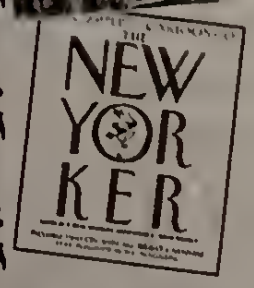

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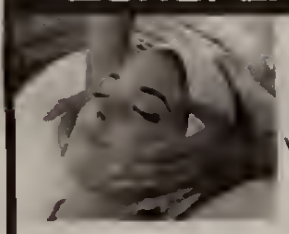

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peratures dip at night. When we first got our lime tree, it was easy to put a few lights on it and drape a sheet over it, as it was small. Now, as the tree has grown, it's a big project — lots more lights, but it makes for a nice display.

Saguaro Cactus

"Also," she adds, "fir trees can be hard to find in Arizona. But a big saguaro cactus, decked out in colored lights, makes a picturesque substitute."

Another popular southwest lighting display, which has made its way east, is the luminaria, which includes a votive candle set inside a small decorative colored paper bag weighted with sand. In recent years, it has become commonplace to see entire neighborhoods decorated with luminarias lining driveways, sidewalks, even rooftoops.

The custom of decorating with luminarias comes from Mexico, and was practiced in New Mexico for many years before spreading throughout the U.S.

Lighted nativities in various sizes — some even life-size — can also be observed in front lawns of many homes.

An Elm Ridge Park friend tells of her experience with a huge star made of white birch branches, which she got from a recent Hospital Fete.

"We (that is my husband!) put it on our roof, attached

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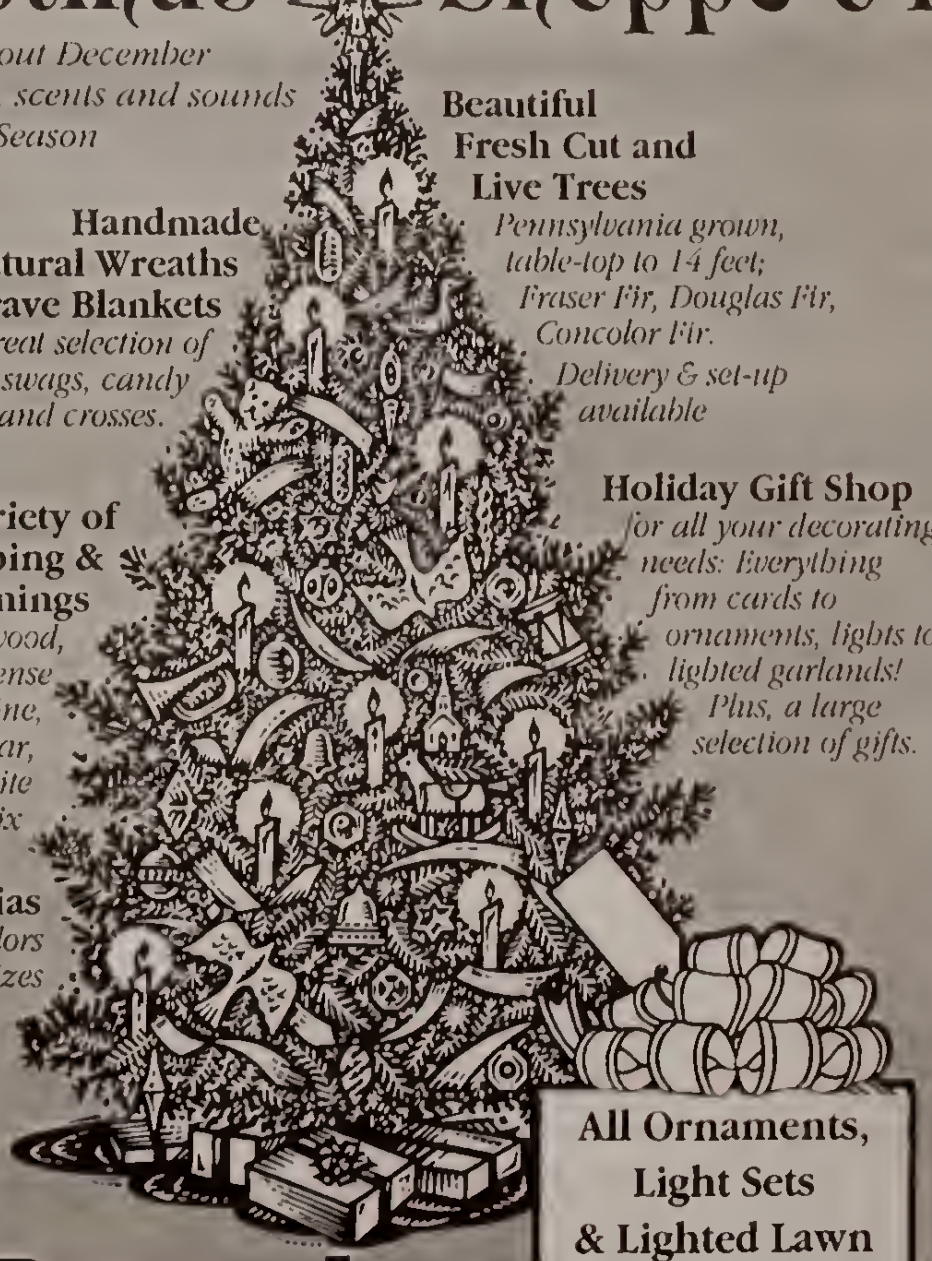

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lights, and it was beautiful. The neighbors loved it. They would say, 'We know Christmas is coming. Your star is up!'"

As the religious and secular aspects of the holidays increasingly converge, however, neighborhood displays also can include enormous lighted Santas and snowmen atop roofs or stationed on lawns or front porches.

Commercial holiday decorations, seen earlier and earlier these days, range from the ridiculous to the sublime. Some are spectacular and add beauty and wonder to the shopping scene. Some are clever and high-tech, such as a huge pine tree in a shopping mall decorated with tiny lights and fortified with music. With the light and sound technology, the tree appears to be waltzing!

On one occasion, when the music accompaniment was "Waltz of the Flowers", two holiday revelers, caught up in the moment, actually began waltzing, and drew an admiring crowd.

Holiday Glow

For true holiday lighting splendor, however, nothing can outdo New York. As one Big Apple resident exclaims, "Can anything compare with New York's distinctive skyscrapers all lit at night with the colors of Christmas? The biggest, of course, is the Empire State Building. This art deco gem exudes a welcoming holiday glow for all to see from miles around.

"Not far away, but not as tall, is the Chrysler Building with its unique art deco spire lit to kindle the holiday spirit in its own way. A few blocks south near Union Square is the old Met- Life building with its 1920s tower fabulously lit to herald the winter season.

"Back uptown, in the east fifties, Citycorp Center's futuristically sleek tower lights specific office windows at night to become a stunning glowing-green Christmas tree. Just across town at Columbus Circle, the new Time Warner Center's all-glass facade facing Central Park features two enormous trees, decorated and lit to be seen for blocks around.

"And in Central Park, the Tavern on the Green glows with its brightly colored lights stretching throughout the surrounding trees and greenery. And perhaps, the *piece de resistance* is the brand new UNICEF snowflake that hangs 80 feet above the intersection of Fifth Avenue and 57th Street. Designed and built in Munich, it features 12,000 five-faceted prismatic Baccarat crystals and 462 light-emitting diode and strobe fixtures."

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Cross Stitch Kit of Mercer Oak Tree Now Available

A cross stitch kit of the historic mercer oak is available for sale exclusively at the Historical Society of Princeton. The chart is based on an original needlepoint pillow designed and stitched by Historical Society board member, Lois Madsen, to commemorate the 300 year old oak tree at Battlefield Park.

The chart has been graphed by Hollis Minor, who has designed and reproduced needlework kits in cooperation with Winterthur, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Art Institute of Chicago, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Mount Vernon, Shelburne Farms, Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, and the Smithsonian Institution.

The kit contains a 15" by 15" - 14 count Aida cloth, DMC floss, number 26 tapestry needle, and color chart. The chart is suitable for both cross stitch and needlepoint. The cost of the chart only is $17.95 and $24.95 for the entire kit. The Historical Society of Princeton is located at 158 Nassau Street and the Museum shop hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 1-4 p.m. For additional information, call (609) 921-6748.

ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR: Trinity Church, located on Route 206, will hold their annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, December 4, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday, December 5, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Parishioners Kate Hackett of Belle Mead, R.J. Peters of Skillman, and Caroline Unger of Ewing show off hand made Lopi yarn hats that will be available at the bazaar. Other items that will be included are: Welsh scarves, children's sweaters, boxwood topiaries, Christmas wreaths, gingerbread houses, antiques, books, holiday attire, and Trinity's country garden quilt. For additional information call 924-2277.

Child & Young Reader Books for Holiday Giving
Barnes & Noble Princeton
Recommended by Nancy Nicholson

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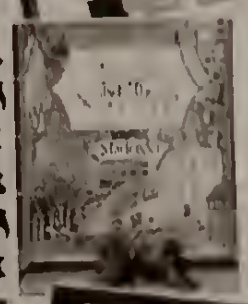
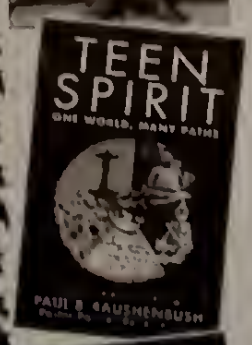
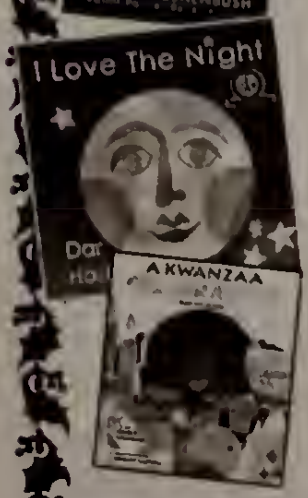


Yakov and the Seven Thieves
By Madonna Illustrated by Gennady Spirin
The Illustrations for this classic tale are created by Princeton artist, Gennady Spirin. Meet Mr. Spirin on Friday, December 3rd at 7pm at Barnes & Noble in Princeton.
He will autograph all of his magnificently illustrated books.



Teen Spirit: One World Many Paths
Paul B. Raushenbush
Paul Raushenbush is the Associate Dean of Religious Life at Princeton University. His book comes highly recommended by customers who wish to explore a multi-faceted approach to spirituality.



I Love the Night
By Dar Hosta
Dar Hosta teaches art classes at The Arts Council of Princeton. This book won the Teacher's Choice award and celebrates the magic of nighttime.

A Kwanzaa Celebration
A Pop up Book by Nancy Williams.
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GEMS & JEWELRY: Orlando (left) and Hector Alaya, owners of Princeton Diamond Exchange, are shown with sales associate Teruko Kim. On display is a vintage Canadian silver tea set from the 1920s. Also shown are first quality, precision-cut diamond studs in a range of karats, from ½ to 4k total weight, and vintage diamond art deco watches and bracelets. The store specializes in fine quality diamonds at whole sale prices and in jewelry design and renovation. It offers a full range of new and previously-owned jewelry and watches, items on consignment, as well as giftware. The high quality Akoya pearls are another specialty, as is an extensive men's section. Jewelry repair, including laser engraving and soldering, is available.

Drumthwacket Receives Seasonal Decorations

The 2004 holiday theme for Drumthwacket is Literature of Christmas. The following garden clubs have interpreted their story with natural garden materials: Bridgewater, Essex Falls, Fair Haven, New Providence, Pinelands Garden Club of Medford, Princeton, Holly Club of Sea Girt, Spring Lake, Tenafly, Westfield, and Woodbury. Official Garden Club of New Jersey judges will decide which room wins first prize.

December open houses are scheduled for Wednesdays, December 1, 8 and 15 and Sunday December 12, from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Reservations are required by calling (609) 683-0591 or e-mailing foundation@drumthwacket.org.

Help a Homeless Family This Holiday Season

Here are seven suggested ways to help a homeless family have a happier holiday season this year. HomeFront, who provided the following ideas, is a Princeton nonprofit organization whose mission is "helping families break the cycle of poverty."

1. Donate gifts to make Christmas wishes come true.

2. Turn your holiday into a rent party — funds raised will help a homeless family with a security deposit on an apartment of their own.

3. Provide a meal for a HomeFront program.

4. Send your holiday greetings using a HomeFront tribute card.

5. Throw a party for homeless kids at your facility. Do you have access to a skating rink or gymnasium that you could share with HomeFront kids?

6. Have a linen drive in your neighborhood, school, or congregation. HomeFront is in dire need of new twin and full size sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, etc. for our shelters and transitional housing.

7. Come up with some ideas of your own of how to help the homeless.

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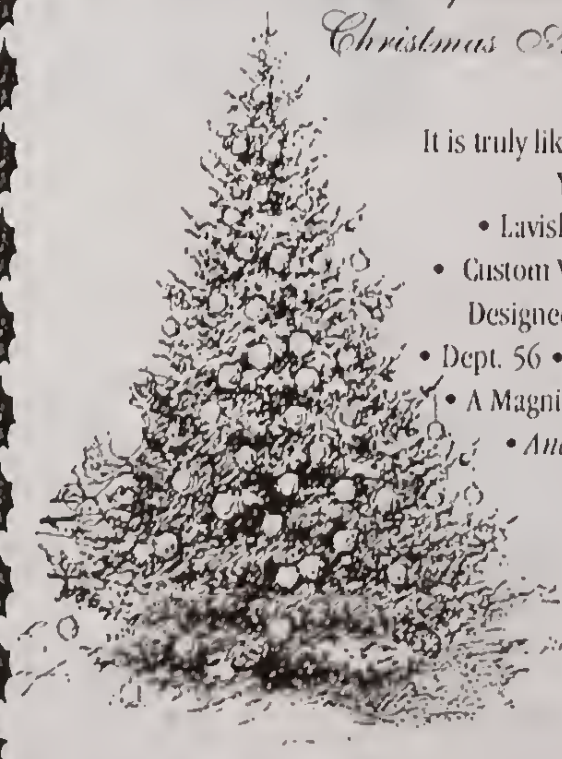
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Back in the early days of the Princeton University Store Co-op, members received an annual rebate instead of the current system of a discount at the time of purchase. This photo, probably taken around 1920, shows U-Store members lined up to collect their rebate checks. In 2004, the store's Board of Trustees voted to increase the member discount on general books to 10%.

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Our Bestselling Activewear

Basic Arched Princeton T. Our most popular T, now in five colors. Choose Oxford, Black, Orange, Navy, Lt. Blue. Cotton/poly, S-XXL. **$15**. *Members' price $14.25.*

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Basic Arched Princeton Crewneck Sweatshirt. Now in six colors. Oxford, Black, Orange, Navy, Graphite, Lt. Blue. Cotton/poly, S-XXL. **$28**. *Members' price $26.60.*

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Basic Arched Princeton Sweatpants. Elastic drawstring waist, elastic at ankle. Oxford, Black, Orange, Navy. Cotton/poly, S-XXL. **$28**. *Members' price $26.60.*

Unstructured EZ-Twill Hat. 100% cotton. Adjustable with back buckle. **$18**. *Members' price $17.10.*

Sized Wool Hat. In addition to the embroidered "P" on front, the word "Princeton" is embroidered on the back. Sized in eighth-inch increments from 6 7/8 to 7 3/4 **$24**. *Members' price $22.80.*

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NEW UNIVERSITY LOGOS. The Athletics Department, working together with the Development Office, has launched a new series of design elements which our vendors have combined in various ways to create new and traditional Princeton licensed apparel.

NEW Tiger-Striped P Hat. 100% cotton. Adjustable buckle in back. Orange. **$18.** *Members' price $17.10.*

NEW Crouching Tiger Princeton Athletics T. 100% cotton. S-XXL. Black. **$15.** *Members' price $14.25.*

NEW Princeton Athletics Shield T. 100% cotton. S-XXL. Grey. **$15** *Members' price $14.25.*

NEW Princeton Athletics Shield Golf Shirt. 100% cotton, garment washed for softness. Embroidered logo. S-XXL. White. **$45** *Members' price $42.75.*

NEW Tiger-Striped P-Back T. 100% cotton. S-XXL. White. **$20** *Members' price $19.*

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Tiger Women

Women's Arched Princeton T. Our classic arched "Princeton" design, sized for a woman. Grey, Black, Orange, Lt. Blue. S-XL. **$18.00** *Members' price $17.10.*

Women's Long-Sleeved T. 100% cotton with a wonderfully soft brushed rib knit. Orange, White, Grey, or Lt. Blue. S-XL. **$22.** *Members' price $20.90.*

Women's Zip Hood. Arched "Princeton". Cotton/poly. Kangaroo pockets, drawstring hood. Grey, Navy, White, Black. S-XL. **$45.** *Members' price $42.75.*

Women's Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. Cotton/poly with great retro-style imprint– "Princeton" on front and "Tigers" on lower back. S-XL. **$40.** *Members' price $38.*

Detail of Back

Women's Classic Polo. 100% pima cotton. Black with white trim, v-tipped collar. S-XL. By Cutter and Buck. **$55.** *Members' price $52.25.*

Women's Aspen Fleece Vest. Warm, soft poly fleece with anti-pill finish; windbreak chin guard, zipper pockets. Black. S-XL. By Cutter and Buck. **$75.** *Members' price $71.25.*

Women's Perfect Pant. 100% cotton. Perfectly comfortable, perfectly styled low-rise pant. Lt. Blue, Grey, Black, Navy S-XL. **$32.** *Members' price $30.40.*

Women's Washed EZ-Twill Hat. 100% cotton. Blue, Pink, or Black. Adjustable buckle back. **$18.** *Members' price $17.10.*

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Tiger Kids

Coming and Going Tiger T. White or Orange. The back of the shirt shows the back of the tiger. 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5, 6. Youth sizes S (6-8), M (10-12) and L (14-16) **$16.** *Members' price $15.20.*

Kids' Sports Ts. Choose **Basketball, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, or Soccer.** 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5, 6. Youth sizes S (6-8), M (10-12) and L (14-16) **$16.** *Members' price $15.20.*

Basic Arched Tee for Kids. 100% cotton. Black, Gray, Orange, or Navy. 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5, 6. 50/50 cotton/poly shirt for Youth sizes S (6-8), M (10-12) and L (14-16) **$14.** *Members' price $13.30.*

Crewneck Sweatshirt for Kids. 50/50 cotton/poly in Gray, Orange, Black, or Navy. Infant/Toddler 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5, 6. Youth sizes S (6-8), M (10-12) and L (14-16) **$22.** *Members' price $20.90.*

Hooded Sweatshirt for Kids. 50/50 cotton/poly in Gray, Orange, Black, and Navy. 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5, 6. Youth sizes S (6-8), M (10-12) and L (14-16) **$30.** *Members' price $28.50.*

Sweatpants for Big and Little Kids. Cotton/poly in Gray, Orange, Black, or Navy. 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5, 6. Youth sizes S (6-8), M (10-12) and L (14-16) **$22.** *Members' price $20.90.*

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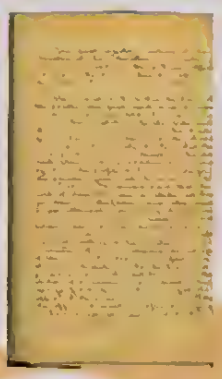
1905/1910

This year The Princeton University Store celebrates a century of service to its members. Originating as a student enterprise in the mid 1890's, the store organized as a campus cooperative in 1905, the same year gas lamps on campus were replaced by electricity. Under the leadership of Dean Henry Fine 1880 and University Secretary Charles McAlpin 1888, then-undergraduates Robert McNamara 1903 and Benjamin Bunn 1907 managed its instant success.



1910/1920

From a single dormitory room in West College, the Store quickly expanded to the entire first floor of West College with books, stationery, athletic goods, souvenirs and sundries, much the same assortment it carries today.

1920/1930

The records of the U-Store Board of Trustees suggest that as the store grew and flourished at West College, store management had purchased a possible alternative location on Nassau Street. In the 1920's, a separate shop for music was added in town, and additions were made to West College for the thriving business.

1930/1940

A 1938 article in the PAW about bookselling at the U-Store listed as fiction bestsellers Hemingway's *The Fifth Column*, Daphne Du Maurier's *Rebecca*, *All This and Heaven, Too* by Rachel Field, *Man's Hope* by Andre Malraux, and *The Code of the Woosters* by P.G. Wodehouse

1940/1950

As men returned from the War and student enrollment returned to pre-war levels, a new basement was added to West College to accommodate the U-Store's burgeoning textbook business. Soon, however, even that space was outgrown and planning began on a new building.

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1950/1960

In 1958 the store moved to a building of its own at 36 University Place, designed by Eldredge Snyder '22. In addition to a spacious new store, the new location offered an amenity not available anywhere else in town: its own free parking lot right across the street.

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1960/1970

The store's mail order and special order book business flourished in the pre-internet days of low postage rates. At one time, the mail order department employed five full-time people who filled orders for customers from all over the world. Today, despite competition from online booksellers, the U-Store's mail order department remains busy, with orders mainly coming in via the website at www.pustore.com.

1970/1980

In 1972, in order to expand its trade book department as recommended by the Bailey Committee, the store expanded into the mezzanine spaces previously occupied by the offices of student publications, including the *Daily Princetonian*. The upper mezzanine level was used to showcase hi-fi equipment, and the lower mezzanine housed the camera department. A stairwell in the center of the book floor opened up the basement as a selling area for stationery and gifts.

1980/1990

The first major remodeling was undertaken in 1989, with the addition of a third floor for offices and textbook sales. At the same time, the basement was expanded as a selling area for school supplies, cameras, and convenience items. A new elevator was installed to make all levels accessible to customers.

1990/2000

The last decade of the century was one of growth and change. Foreign language books were added, as was a Clinique counter. Space was leased to the Princeton Pharmacy

2000/present

The store undertook its most sweeping remodel to date in 2000. The stairways from University place were reconfigured, a new elevator was added, and the back of the store on ground level was turned into the U-2 convenience store. The U-2 space was designed to allow it to remain open even when the main store is closed; today it is open 24/7 when classes are in session. The staircase in the center of the ground floor was removed, and the basement area was turned over to offices and storage.

At first, books were relocated to the redesigned third floor, with the ground floor being largely school supplies and dorm furnishings. Then in the summer of 2004 the merchandise on those two floors was switched and today books are once again on the first floor. The Board of Trustees also decided to offer members 10% discount on trade books, with 5% on textbooks and almost everything else in the store.

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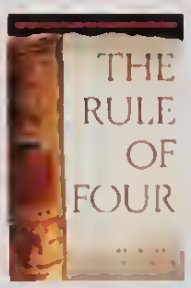

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